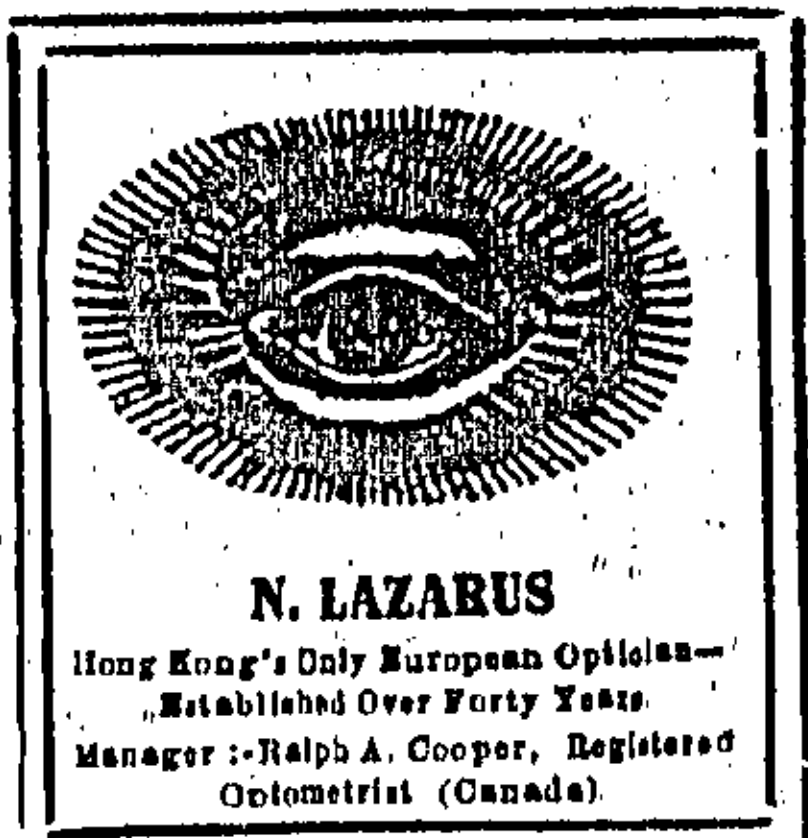
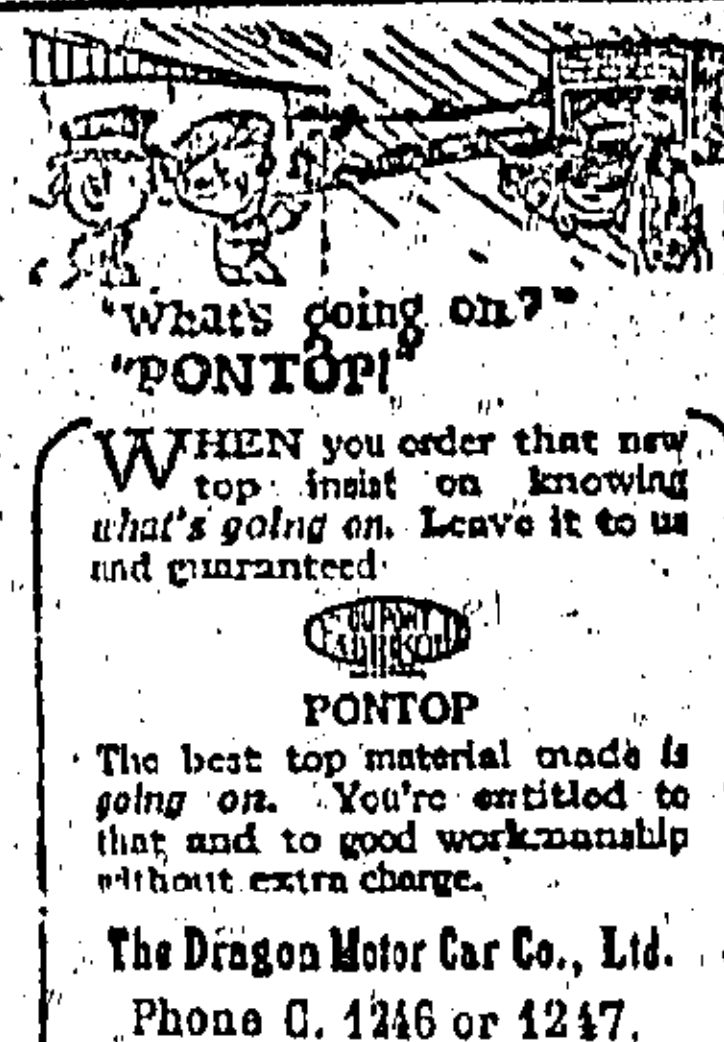




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NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

A SENSATIONAL HANKOW DEVELOPMENT.

OBJECTIONS TO BRITISH TROOP CONCENTRATIONS.

EUGENE CHEN'S LATEST.

The most important news over the Chinese New Year holiday has been that the Nationalist Government at Hankow has broken off the negotiations with Mr. O'Malley.

This "bombshell" was dropped in Hankow on Tuesday and took the form of an official and formal communication from Mr. Eugene Chen to Mr. O'Malley, in which it was stated, at length, that no agreement could be signed when British forces were concentrating at Shanghai.

In Mr. Chen's statement, the gathering of British forces at Shanghai is characterised as being not only provocative but tantamount to an "act of coercion."

There has been an important British Cabinet meeting, and Mr. O'Malley is now at Hankow awaiting further instructions. There is worldwide regret expressed at the breakdown, but it is significant that Baron Shidehara, on behalf of Japan, says that the concentration of British forces at Shanghai is "a natural precautionary measure."

Hankow, Feb. 1. Mr. Eugene Chen has broken off negotiations, refusing to sign any agreement when British armed forces are concentrating at Shanghai. —*Reuter*.

ELEVENTH HOUR FAILURE.

MR. O'MALLEY AWAITS INSTRUCTIONS.

Hankow, Feb. 2. *Reuter* is authoritatively informed that the negotiations for a settlement of the Hankow and Kiangsu Concessions question between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen concluded on Saturday, and that on Sunday the final corrections were made to the draft Agreement which was to have been signed that afternoon.

On the same day, however, Mr. Eugene Chen announced that unforeseen events had occurred which would prevent the signature of the Agreement, and yesterday he explained in a formal statement, that the Nationalist Government could not sign any Agreement when British armed forces were concentrating at Shanghai.

These events have been fully reported by Mr. O'Malley, who is now awaiting instructions as to how he should act. —*Reuter*.

MR. CHEN'S DIFFICULTIES.

OPPOSITION FROM 'DIE-HARDS'.

Later. The breakdown of this negotiations between Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley have not caused very great surprise at Hankow, for although it was generally believed that a draft Agreement had been drawn up for signature during the week-end, it has been realised all along that the Foreign Minister was having a most difficult time in endeavouring to win over the irreconcilable members of the Kuomintang to a reasonable settlement.

The dropping of this bomb shell has naturally clouded the New Year prospect.

It is significant that anti-British posters are already re-appearing in the British Concession, even on the walls of the former Volunteer Headquarters, which are being used as headquarters by the Chinese troops entrusted with the task of ensuring peace in the Concession. —*Reuter*.

MR. CHEN'S STATEMENT.

WHY THE BREAKDOWN OCCURRED.

Hankow, Feb. 1. Mr. Eugene Chen's statement to Mr. O'Malley breaking off the negotiations declares that "since the negotiations regarding the future status of the British Concession at Hankow began on January 12th a singular concentration of armed British forces has been in progress at Shanghai, with the alleged object of the protection of

British lives and property in the event of the same being endangered by the forcible occupation of the International Settlement at Shanghai. But it is significant that though the Japanese and Americans have large and vital interests in the same place, they have not found it necessary to resort to the massing of armed forces there. In a Manifesto dated January 22, the Nationalist Government declared that it was its intention to have all questions relating to treaty and other cognate matters settled by negotiations and agreement, and this implicitly covered, and it was so intended to cover, the question of the future status of the International Settlement at Shanghai, which it is not and has never been within the contemplation of the Nationalist Government to occupy by force.

"MENACING AND PROVOCATIVE."

"It was believed that this manifesto might lead to the cessation or at least the slowing down of the massing of British forces in China and, accordingly, the Nationalist Government decided to take no notice of what might appear to be not only a menacing but provocative operation by the British, and the negotiations were proceeded with. But on January 29, the Minister for Foreign Affairs had occasion formally to raise the question of this concentration of armed British forces. In reply to proposals outlined by Mr. O'Malley on January 27 for the revision of certain British treaty rights, the Minister for Foreign Affairs stated that the proposals envisaged only the fragmentary revision of some of the treaty servitudes affecting China and, that while the Nationalist Government could not regard such revision as satisfactory or adequate, they were, nevertheless, prepared to consider and discuss the terms outlined, as the basis of a comprehensive and reasoned settlement of the existing differences between Nationalist China and the British, provided, *inter alia*, that the discussion and negotiation took place in an atmosphere free from the intimidation which was necessarily involved in the present concentration by the British or fighting forces.

"ACT OF COERCION."

"But the continued concentration of British forces, referred to as 'The Chinese Expeditionary Force,' as well as certain military information relating to the British plan of war operations in China which has now come to the knowledge of the Nationalist Government, make it impossible for the Nationalist Government to continue to view the British concentration as a reasonable settlement of the existing differences between Nationalist China and the British, provided, *inter alia*, that the discussion and negotiation took place in an atmosphere free from the intimidation which was necessarily involved in the present concentration by the British or fighting forces.

BRITAIN'S OFFER.

TEXT OF THE LATEST PROPOSALS.

"LIBERAL AND GENEROUS."

London, Feb. 2.

The following is the text of the British proposals communicated to the Chinese authorities at Peking and Hankow, on January 27th:—

1.—His Majesty's Government are prepared to recognise modern Chinese Law Courts as competent Courts for cases brought by British plaintiffs or complainants, and to waive the right of the attendance of a British representative at the hearing of such cases.

2.—His Majesty's Government are prepared to recognise the validity of a reasonable Chinese Nationality Law.

MODERN CODES.

3.—His Majesty's Government are prepared to apply, as far as is practicable, in British Courts in China, modern Chinese civil and commercial codes—apart from procedure codes and those affecting personal status—and duly enacted subordinate legislation as and when such laws and regulations are promulgated and enforced in Chinese Courts and on Chinese citizens throughout China.

4.—His Majesty's Government are prepared to make British subjects in China liable to pay such regular and legal Chinese taxation, not involving discrimination against British subjects or British goods, as is in fact imposed on and paid by Chinese citizens throughout China.

5.—His Majesty's Government are prepared, as soon as a revised Chinese penal code is promulgated and applied in Chinese Courts in China... (sentence incomplete).

6.—His Majesty's Government are prepared to discuss and enter into arrangements according to the particular circumstances at each port concerned, for the modification of the Municipal administration of British Concessions, so as to bring them into line with the administrations of the special Chinese Administrations set up in former Concessions, or for their amalgamation with former Concessions now under Chinese control, or for the transfer of the police control of the Concession areas to the Chinese authorities.

A COVERING NOTE.

When communicating these proposals to Mr. Eugene Chen at Hankow on 27th January, Mr. O'Malley prefaced them with the following:—"When a satisfactory settlement has been reached respecting the British Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang and when assurances have been given by the Nationalist Government that they will not countenance any alteration, except by negotiation, of the status of British Concessions and International Settlements, His Majesty's Government will be prepared to concede at once and on the lines indicated in the enclosure hereto, part of what is desired of them by the Chinese Nationalist Party. So liberal and generous a step cannot, in their view, be regarded otherwise than as an earnest of the fair and conciliatory spirit with which they are animated." —*British Wireless*.

THE CHINESE CUSTOMS CRISIS.

BRITAIN RESENTS "I. G.'S" DISMISSAL.

DROP IN BOND VALUE.

Peking, Feb. 1.

The British Legation has protested to the Chinese Foreign Office regarding Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal.

The British proposals regarding China, although commented on by Sir Austen Chamberlain, will not be published in Peking till February 3rd.

The vernacular papers are still without comment on Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech.

Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal has caused some drop in Domestic Bonds but there is no real panic. Owing to the New Year there is practically no market with no buyers and few sellers. It is pointed out by brokers, that owing to the situation the Bonds have been dropping steadily for the past three months. For instance, Loan was in November 92 and it is now 77, and the seventh year 6 per cent. Loan was in November 82 and is now 63. —*Reuter*.

DRUG TRAFFIC.

OPIUM COMMISSION'S DRASTIC PROPOSALS.

Canton, Feb. 1.

The Opium Commission of the League of Nations has adopted the proposals of Sir Malcolm Delevingne that methodical investigations should be undertaken by the Governments of all countries manufacturing narcotics in order to determine the sources from which traffickers in drugs obtain their supplies, and the methods they adopt, and that severe measures be provided against any manufacturer importer or trader who is found guilty of knowingly supplying narcotics for any except medicinal and scientific purposes. Also, that permits to manufacture, export or trade in narcotics be granted only to persons able to establish the good faith of their commercial activity. —*Reuter*.

THE U. S. NAVY.

DISPUTE ON BUILDING PROGRAMME.

Washington, Feb. 1.

Despite the avowed opposition by President Coolidge to the immediate construction of three new cruisers which is part of the accepted building programme for the Navy, the Senate by 48 to 27 voted to amend the pending Navy Bill by authorising the appropriation of \$1,200,000 for their immediate construction.

The House of Representatives, however, when the Bill was submitted to it, voted down a similar amendment out of consideration for President Coolidge's views. —*Reuter's American Service*.

F. M. S. FLOODS.

FURTHER HEAVY RAINS AND LANDSLIDES.

Singapore, Feb. 1.

Further heavy rains throughout the Malay States have caused serious landslides blocking the railway and many roads.

The night mail trains are not running. —*Reuter*.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

LATEST BRITISH FIGURES.

London, Feb. 2.

The Ministry of Labour states that the number of unemployed on January 24th was 42,618 less than the week before, but was still 127,678 more than on the corresponding date last year. The total was 1,348,700. —*British Wireless*.

OLDEST GENERAL.

DEATH OF SIR G. HIGGINSON.

CENTENARIAN'S CAREER.

London, Feb. 2.

General Sir George Higginson, who celebrated his 100th birthday last June, died to-day at Marlow. He obtained his commission in 1846 with the Grenadier Guards, taking part in the rally round the colours at Inkerman.

After an association of eighty years with the Guards, he assisted last year at the ceremony of unveiling the Guards Memorial in London. The Duke of Connaught insisted on his joining hands in order that they might together press the button which was to set in operation the electric current which removed the veiling flag—*British Wireless*.

By the death of General Higginson, a historic figure passes away. He lived in the reigns of five monarchs, and knew them all. His earliest recollection was being put on the head by King George IV. at Windsor; he often spoke to King William IV. in Kensington Gardens, and he remembered when a boy at Eton cheering Queen Victoria on the day of her wedding.

King Edward he instructed in some of his military duties, and he was a great friend of Queen Alexandra. One of his favourite photographs, taken many years ago, shows him, tall, upright, and distinguished, with white, flowing moustache, walking with the Queen at a garden fete, Sir Dighton Probyn, a bent and aged figure, who looked his years, as Sir George never did, bringing up the rear. The present King and Queen were often his guests at Gyldearscroft, the residence, as picturesquely as its name, which had long been his home at Marlow.

Besides being the oldest General and the oldest Guardsman, and it was characteristic of his activities that when he attended the annual dinner of the Guards Brigade the other day, he declined to use the lift, saying he still preferred to walk to the banqueting room. He was also the oldest magistrate in the County of Buckinghamshire, if not in the whole country. For the best part of half a century he had been chairman of the Great Marlow Water Company, and continued until a few months ago to preside over its meetings; and he was chairman of the Governors of Sir William Borlase's School. The night of the last General Election found him out on a balcony addressing the multitude.

In the hall at Marlow hang many Crimean relics—a Russian drum, Russian bayonets, French cuirasses, English swords. Perhaps the most interesting is a water colour sketch of a rough hut in dreary surroundings. This was drawn and sent home by Captain George Higginson to show his friends how he was living at Sebastopol. Throughout the campaign he did not miss a day's duty, and some of his days were spent at Balaklava, Inkerman, and the Alma.

Sir George went to the Crimea with the Grenadier Guards; he returned with them; he was with them in their triumphal entry into London; he served in the regiment for 30 years; for five years he commanded the Brigade of Guards; and from a special station, with which he was honoured by the King, he saw the Guards again enter London after the Great War.

His father fought at Corunna; one of his grandsons was killed at Loos, another was wounded at Neuve Chapelle. So his generation been joined to generation in the service of the country. And this old soldier, looking up at the relics he brought from Inkerman and Balaklava, recently, passed this judgment: "The Crimea was nothing. Sometimes I wonder if Wellington was anything. The Great War was wiped out the past."

For Marlow, with which his family has long been associated, (Continued on Page 4.)

CHINA CRISIS OUTLOOK.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON YANGTZE.

RUMOURED THREAT TO ARREST FOREIGNERS.

MORE TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Rumours of an attempt to arrest leading foreign residents at Hankow, in order to enforce Nationalist demands, are mentioned in to-day's news from the Yangtze zone.

At Ichang, Chinese strikers and seamen from H. M. S. Cricket have left their work, under pressure from the Labour Unions.

Considerable Chinese troop movement is reported, whilst more missionaries are being evacuated from Chungking and Kiukiang.

More troops have left Malta and India for the Far East, whilst the aircraft-carrier Argus has sailed from Portsmouth. When she arrives, there will be counting those on the Hermes and Vindictive, be eighty aeroplanes available.

Lord Grey and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald have delivered interesting speeches on the situation, whilst President Coolidge does not expect that it will be necessary for the Americans to evacuate Shanghai, and he is not apprehensive regarding a hundred Americans who are reported to be missing in the interior.

Malta, Feb. 1. It is believed being Wusueh. —*Naval Wireless*.

The 2nd Batt. of the Border Regiment and the 1st Batt. of the Bedford and Hertford Regiment have left for Shanghai aboard the troopship Megantic in the highest spirits.

The transport had a tremendous send-off, as it moved through a line of battleships to the strains of "Shanghai" and "Auld Lang Syne," the crews of battleships and the crowds ashore cheering most heartily.

Major General Duncan was of opinion that there would not be trouble in China, as the force being sent was quite sufficient to prevent it. —*Reuter*.

MORE FROM INDIA.

Bombay, Feb. 1. A further contingent of British and Indian troops has left for China. —*Reuter*.

H.M.S. ARGUS LEAVES.

80 AEROPLANES ALTOGETHER.

London, Feb. 1. The Aircraft Carrier, Argus, has been re-conditioned at Chatham at a cost of £275,000 and has left for China from Portsmouth.

She has loaded aeroplanes and spare parts and a full complement of Naval and R.A.F. personnel.

The Aircraft Carrier Hermes and the cruiser Vindictive fitted up as a Carrier, are already in China and when the Argus arrives there will be eighty aeroplanes available. —*Reuter*.

NAVAL NEWS.

THREAT TO ARREST FOREIGNERS.

Hankow, Feb. 1. The rumour is being circulated that the Chinese threaten to arrest the leading foreign residents in order to enforce their demands. New Year demonstrations were held. —*Naval Wireless*.

MORE MISSIONARIES.

Kiukiang, Feb. 1. Twelve lady missionaries arrived from the interior to-day. A difficulty with their baggage was overcome without incident. —*Naval Wireless*.

Chungking, Feb. 1. Eighty-six missionaries were evacuated to Hankow to-day and fifty-six others are leaving to-morrow. —*Naval Wireless*.

ANTI-BRITISH MEETINGS.

Ichang, Feb. 1. Several anti-British propaganda meetings have been held. The godown workers are on strike, and the Chinese strikers and seamen on H. M. S. Cricket have left the gunboat under pressure from the Unions. —*Naval Wireless*.

Changsha, Feb. 1. One thousand more troops left down river to-day their destination

It is believed being Wusueh. —*Naval Wireless*.

Nanchang, Feb. 1. Troops which left here yesterday landed about 20 miles below Wuhu. —*Naval Wireless*.

TOURIST SHIP DIVERTED.

ORDERED TO OMIT SHANGHAI.

New York, Feb. 1. The Red Star liner Belgeland, now in Chinese waters, has been wirelessly ordered not to call at Shanghai but to proceed to the next port, namely Hongkong, following the receipt of Consular advice that it would be unwise to land 400 American tourists in Shanghai at present. —*Reuter's American Service*. [The Belgeland is expected here to-morrow.]

SHANGHAI AMERICANS.

WHAT PRESIDENT COOLIDGE THINKS.

Washington, Feb. 1. It is learned at White House that President Coolidge does not expect that it will be necessary for the Americans to evacuate Shanghai as the result of Chinese disorders, but American naval forces are concentrating there so as to be prepared for any contingency. The President is not apprehensive owing to over a hundred Americans being reported as missing in the interior of China, since he believes they have merely lost touch with communications.

The Administration is still hopeful that the recent amicable proposals of the United States Government, coupled with the recent British proposals, will ultimately lead to negotiations with the Chinese factions.

Twelve hundred marines now at San Diego are leaving for Guam on Thursday and three hundred marines at present at Guam are leaving for Manila. With the enlarged detachment at Guam the United States Navy will be in a better position to transport men if required. —*Reuter's American Service*.

AMERICAN OUTLOOK.

HOPES OF PEACEFUL OUTCOME.

According to Washington reports published here, authoritative United States circles express the hope that the liberal British promises to China will produce a turn in the tide of anti-foreign feeling, thus obviating the necessity for the use of the armed forces of any Power to protect its nationals. —*British Wireless*.

BEFORE THE BREAKDOWN.

RAMSAY MACDONALD'S FAITH.

London, Feb. 1. Dr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech in South Wales last night, again urged that the negotiations at present being conducted offered (Continued on Page 12.)

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GUILDS' ATTITUDE TO COMMISSION.

The following correspondence which has passed between the Government and the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, relative to the Sunning Piracy Commission, has been forwarded for publication. The correspondence speaks for itself.

The first letter sent by the Guilds is as follows: We have the honour respectfully to request to be informed whether it is intended, by the words "that the examination of witnesses shall be conducted in private," that we, as the accredited representatives in Hongkong of the Mercantile Marine Officers and Engineers on the China Coast will not be permitted to be present and, if that is the intention, whether it may not yet be made permissible for us to be admitted.

We would with the utmost deference point out that, at a Meeting held at the Colonial Office, London on the 10th July 1924, to discuss measures for dealing with piracy in waters adjacent to the Colony of Hongkong, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., Asst. Colonial Secretary, Hongkong said:

"He was speaking on behalf of His Majesty's Government in saying that Government would be most willing to agree that Officers and Engineers should be given full opportunity of being represented in connection with the consideration of any matter affecting their interests or well-being."

It was agreed that the Hongkong Commission should be invited to give an assurance to this effect.

That the assurance was given is evident by the appointment of Lt. Com. T. T. Lawrence, D.S.O., R.N.R., to represent these Guilds on the Piracy Commission which sat in Hongkong in December 1924 and which reported to the Government in January 1925.

It is not suggested that either of us should act in any official capacity, but merely be considered as holding a watching brief for our members and it is submitted that, where such grave issues concerning them are at stake, no miscarriage of justice can ensue from our presence, but on the contrary, a sense of security will be felt by them in what is, perhaps, the most trying part of the ordeal through which they are passing.

We think our bona-fides are clearly apparent and further, we are ready to submit to any reasonable conditions His Excellency may deem necessary to impose.

We should esteem it a favour if His Excellency would submit to His Excellency and his views communicated to us with the least possible delay.

The Government's Reply.

The Government replied: With reference to your letter of 20th November 1926, I am directed to inform you that the Government has given careful consideration to your request but is of opinion that it is in the best interests of all concerned that the proceedings of the Commission shall be conducted in private. A master mariner with experience of the China coast has been added to the Commission, and full opportunity will be afforded to your Guilds to place their views before the Commission in writing and orally.

A Further Request.

The following letter was then sent by the Guild, (Jan. 5): We have the honour again respectfully to submit for the reconsideration of His Excellency the Governor, that, in the interests of the Mercantile Marine Officers on the China coast and the Merchant Service generally, we, their accredited representatives in Hongkong, may be permitted to be present as listeners only, at the sittings of the above Commission and that the decision conveyed in your letter of the 15th December 1926 to these Guilds be altered to allow of this privilege being extended to us.

THE CHINA COAST.

RECENT CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain C. E. Plunkett, of the Anking, is on reserve. Captain A. J. Scott, of the Kalgan, has gone master, Anking.

Captain D. H. Martin, of the King Yuen, has gone master, Kalgan. Captain J. Johnstone, of the Luchow, has gone master, King Yuen.

Captain E. M. Gellie, of the Tachang, is on reserve. Captain J. D. Frazer, from reserve, has gone master, Tachang.

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, King Yuen, has gone chief officer, Kwangtung. Mr. J. A. McKinley, from reserve, has gone chief officer, King Yuen.

Mr. C. Finch, chief officer, Kwangtung, is on Home leave. Mr. N. Pounder, chief officer, Nanchang, is on reserve. Mr. G. R. Torrible, second officer, Nanchang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. J. Layton, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, Nanchang. Mr. H. McLaren, second officer, Foochow, has gone second officer, Nanchang.

Mr. A. G. Stuart, chief engineer, Ningpo, has gone chief engineer, Soochow. Mr. K. Logan, chief engineer, Soochow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. McBride, second engineer, Tean, has gone second engineer, Kalgan. Mr. W. Paxton, supply second engineer, King Yuen, has gone second engineer, Tean.

Mr. C. E. V. Payrer, second engineer, Hupoh, is on reserve. Mr. W. R. Woodman, supply second engineer, Sunning, is on reserve.

Mr. R. H. McLean, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Hupoh. Mr. J. C. Campbell, third engineer, Ninghai, has gone third engineer, Kwangtung. Mr. W. S. Sharp, third engineer, Kwangtung, has gone third engineer, Ninghai.

Mr. H. S. Beech, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, King Yuen. Mr. E. D. Steen, supply second engineer, Soochow, is on Home leave.

Mr. A. D. Morice, third engineer, King Yuen, has gone third engineer, Suizang. Mr. J. McAuley, third engineer, Suizang, has gone supply third engineer, Sunning.

Mr. R. Barclay, from Home leave, has gone supply chief engineer, Kalgan. Mr. H. L. Mather, from Home leave, has gone supply second engineer, Fatsan.

Captain P. R. G. Cumming, of the Foochow, has gone master, Hopsang. Captain M. Costello, from Home leave, has gone master, Foochow. Captain L. Hutchings, of the Hopsang, is on reserve.

Mr. A. L. Morris, supply second officer, Kungwo, has gone second officer, Kungwo.

Mr. A. Pirie, second officer, Tingsang, has gone acting second officer, Loongwo. Mr. S. A. Marchant, second officer, Loongwo, is on reserve.

Mr. R. E. Smith, supply second officer, Lienshang, has gone second officer, Tingsang.

Mr. J. B. Stewart, second officer, Kulsang, is on reserve. Mr. A. Pittendigh, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kulsang.

Mr. J. W. Storcham, chief officer, Namsang, is on Home leave. Mr. G. E. Hudson, chief officer, Cheongshing, has gone chief officer, Namsang.

Mr. C. C. Warren, chief officer, Vuensang, is on reserve. Mr. L. McRae, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Vuensang.

Mr. J. Findlater, third engineer, Fausang, has gone supply third engineer, Tingsang.

Captain J. S. Thompson, from Home leave, has gone master, Haiyang. Captain W. S. Turnbull, of the Haiyang, is on Home leave.—Shipping and Engineering.

The following was also sent by the Guilds (Jan. 15):

We have the honour to direct your attention to our letter of the 5th January 1927, and respectfully request that a reply be given without further delay.

No Re-Consideration.

The Government's reply to these were: With reference to your letters of 5th and 15th January, 1927, I am directed to inform you that the Government does not feel able to alter its decision conveyed to you in letter of 13th December, 1926.

The Guilds' final letter read: We thank you for your letter of the 21st instant and note that the Government does not feel able to alter its decision as conveyed to us by letter of the 13th December, 1926.

MALARIA IS IN THE BLOOD.

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A Typical Case in Ceylon.

A disease caused by the presence of poisonous microbes in the bloodstream, obviously the only way to permanently eradicate malaria is by building up and enriching the blood so that it may, of itself, overcome these germs. It is exactly in this way that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act, and their efficacy as a remedy for malaria is not merely a matter of theory or bald assertion, but has been proven over and over again by the testimony of victims when they have cured. For example read the experience of Mr. S. Asirvadom, who during the Great War, saw military service in Mesopotamia, and since has been employed as a clerk on the staff of Messrs. Delmege and Forsyth, shipping agents, Colombo, Ceylon.

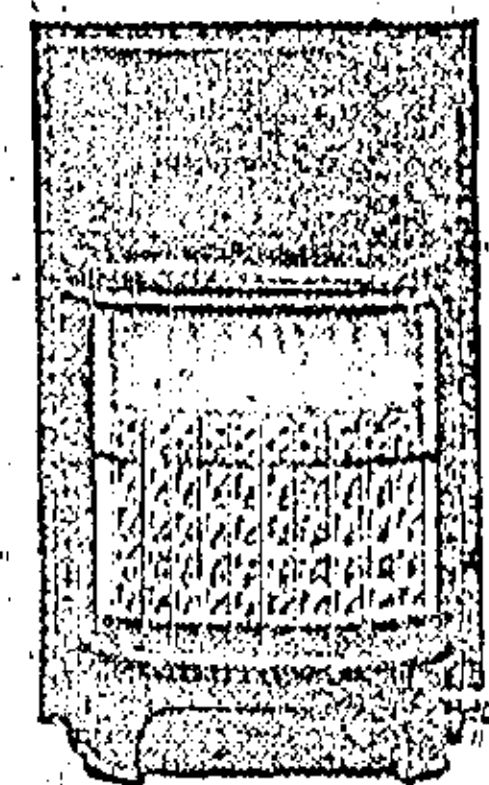
"I suffered greatly from malaria when in Mesopotamia," says Mr. Asirvadom, "and my general health and fitness were seriously impaired. A comrade who was a firm believer in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills urged me to try them. Mine certainly was not a cure-worked by faith, for I refused to accept his evidence as to their merits. At length, however, more to please him than anything else, I accepted a bottle from him. No sooner was that bottle—our last—consumed than I, the former sceptic, wrote to Bombay for a further supply. Not only did Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure my malaria but they made me feel so well that I believed the cure permanent. And so indeed it has proved."

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Simon's Tower, South Africa. More than half a million used postage stamps paper the walls of a bedroom in the home of A. F. Thomas, a resident here. The stamps are cleverly worked into designs according to colour and pattern.

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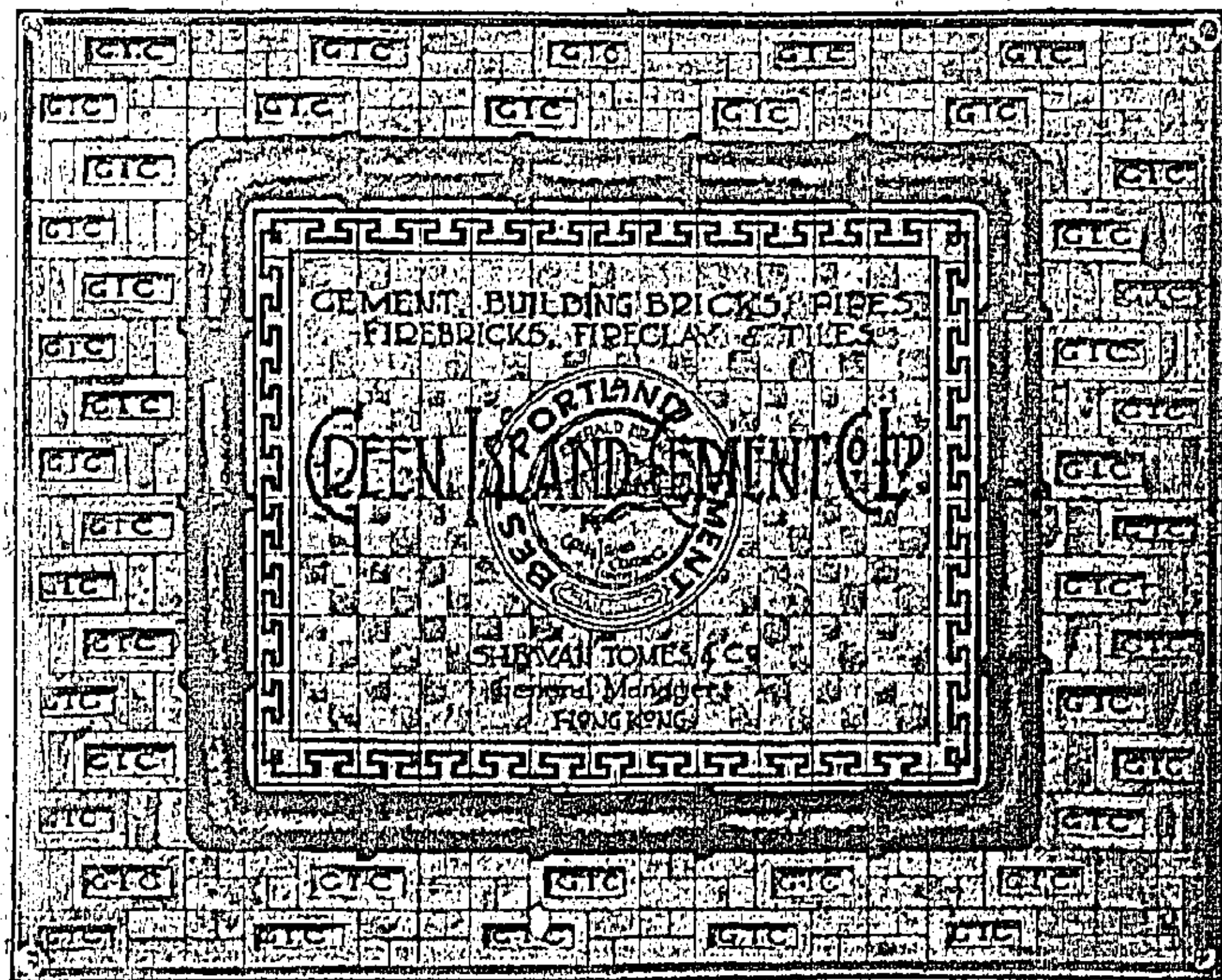
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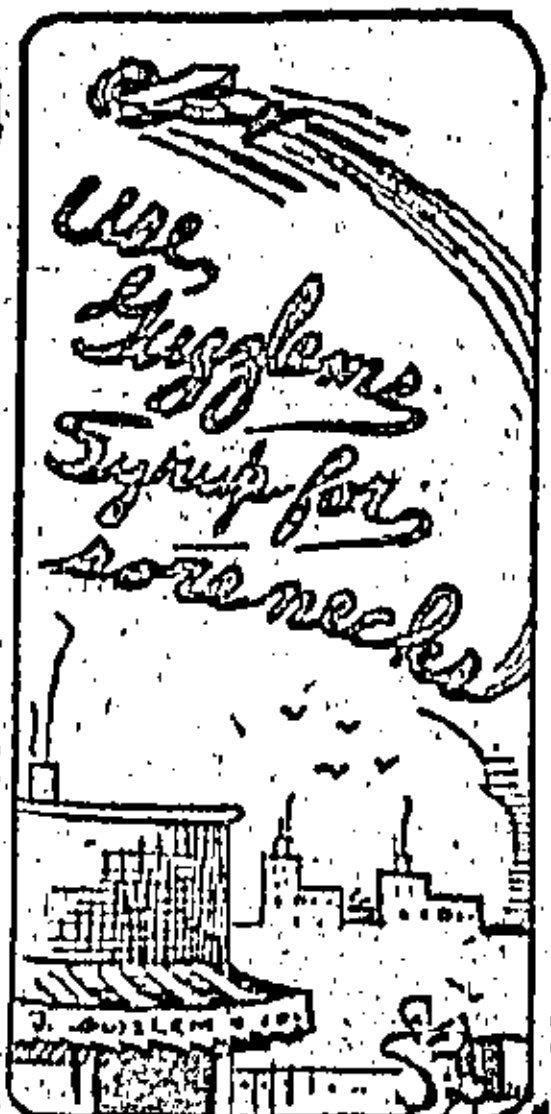
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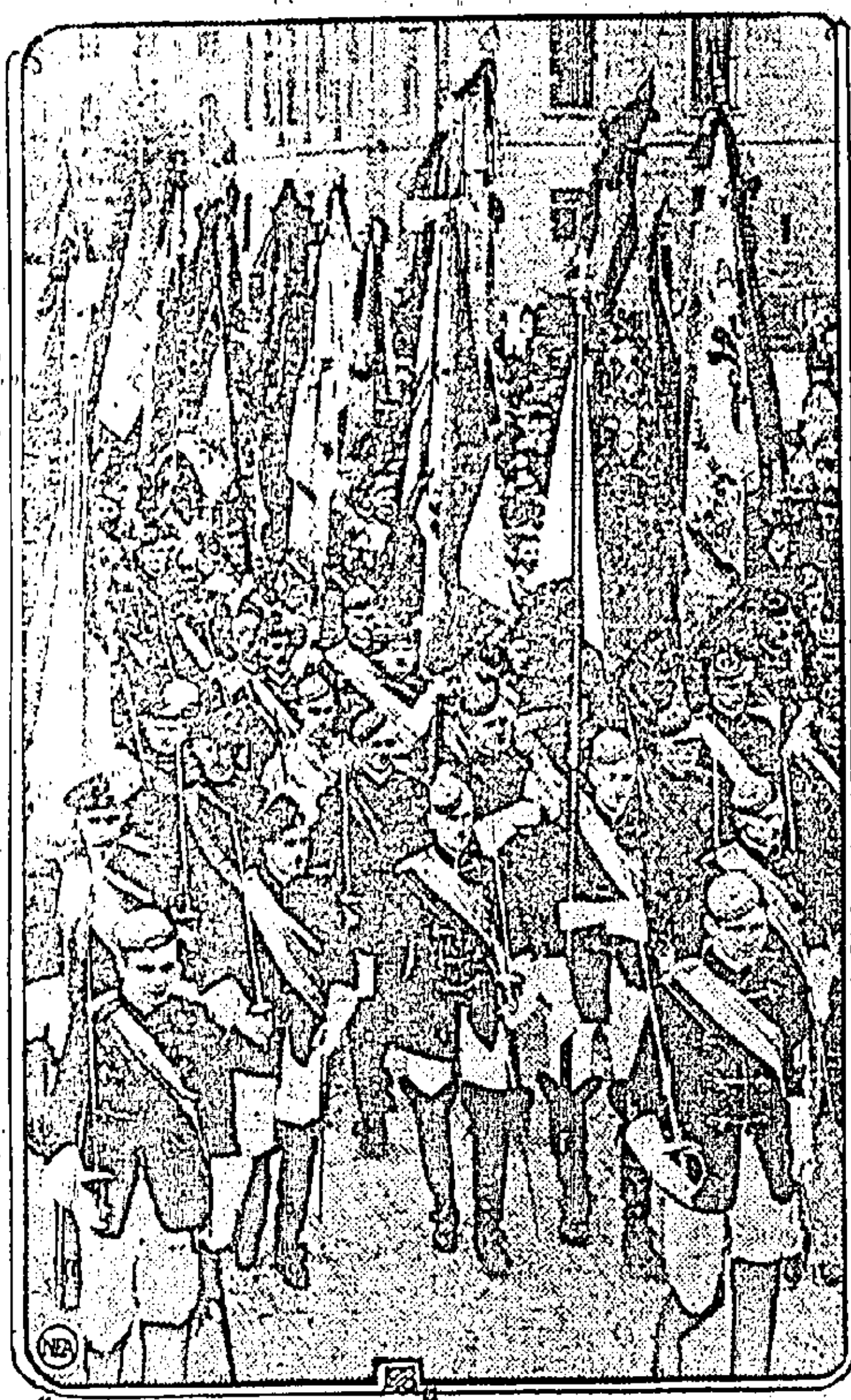




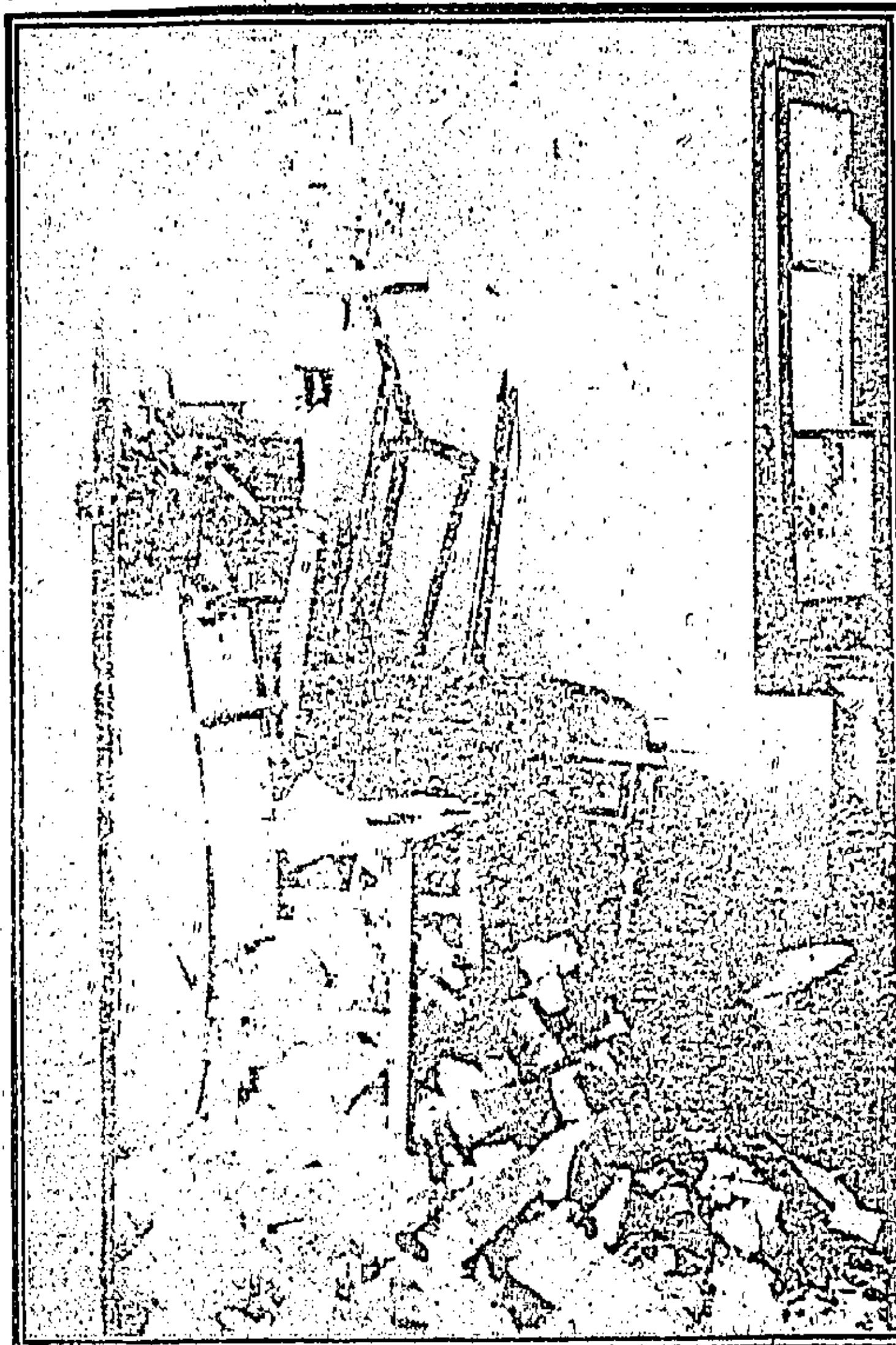
GREAT STORM AT MADEIRA.—The sea-front at Funchal, showing the promenade strewn with debris, displaced kiosks, and one of the coastal vessels which were driven ashore. The town was partially flooded, the submarine-cable station washed away, and the wireless station considerably damaged. (Times copyright.)



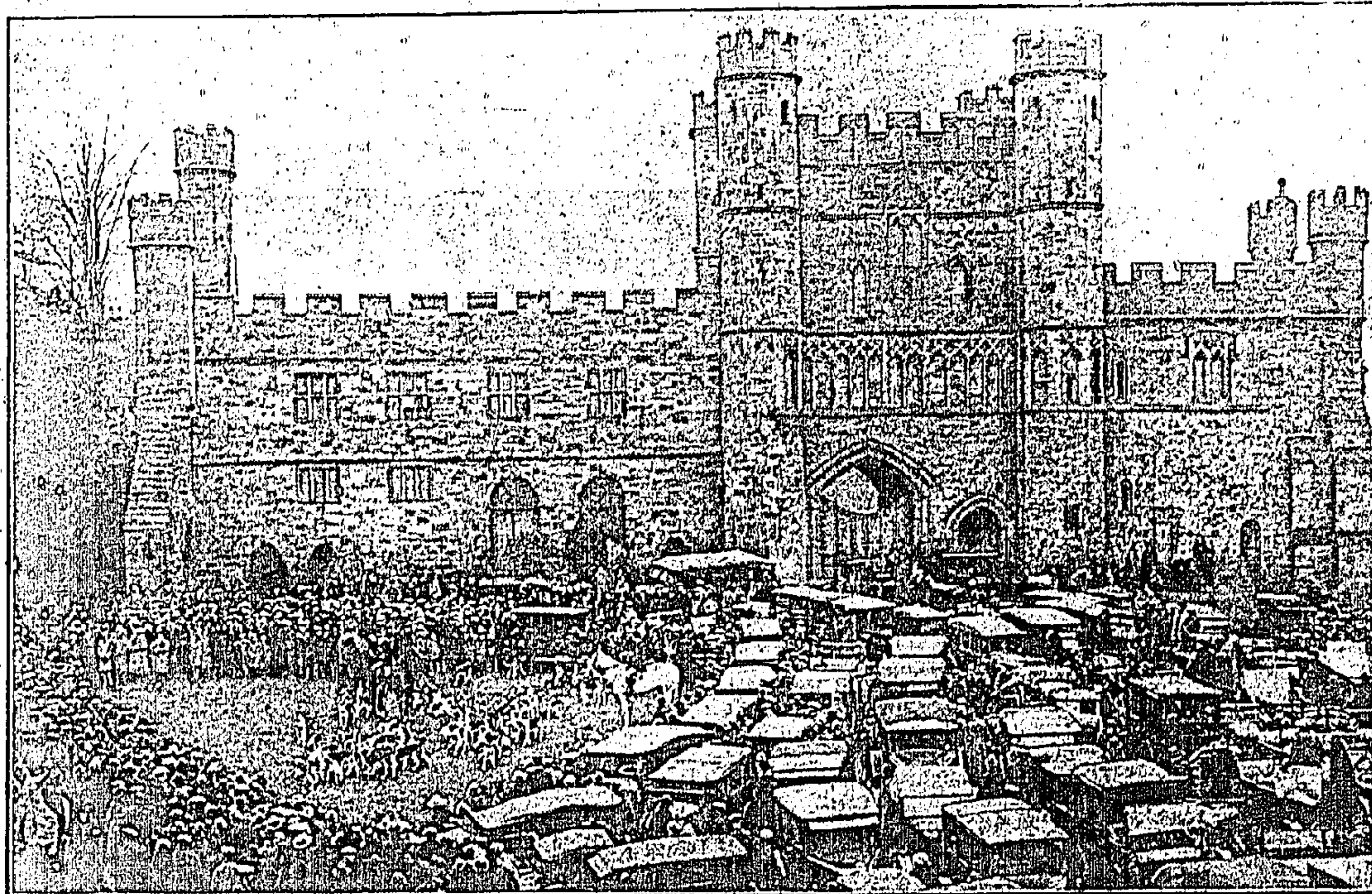
THE PRINCE.—A portrait of the Prince of Wales taken while following the hounds at the Quorn Hunt in Nottinghamshire recently.



ON PARADE.—A picture of Student militarists parading in Berlin.



AFTER THE FIGHT FOR NANCHANG.—This picture shows one corner of a bedroom in the China Inland Mission house at Nanchang after the bombardment of October 10 and 11, and the subsequent occupation by troops.

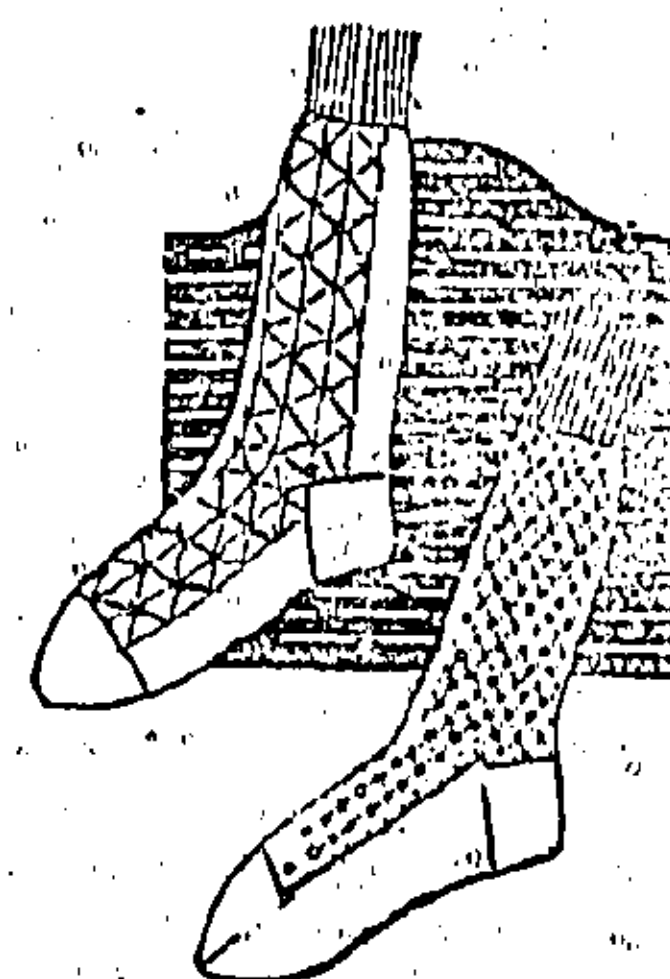


BOXING DAY AT BATTLE ABBEY.—A large number of holiday makers from all parts of Sussex and beyond, gathered at Battle on Monday (December 27) for the customary Boxing Day meet of the East Sussex Hounds. A feature of the scene was the great assembly of motor cars on the green in front of the main gateway to the historic abbey. There has been controversy recently between the Abbey authorities and the Urban Council as to public rights on the green. Our photograph shows the scene at the meet on the green. (Times copyright.)



TEDDY TESTIFIES.—Teddy Roosevelt, the younger, was a government witness at the Fall-Doherty trial in Washington recently.

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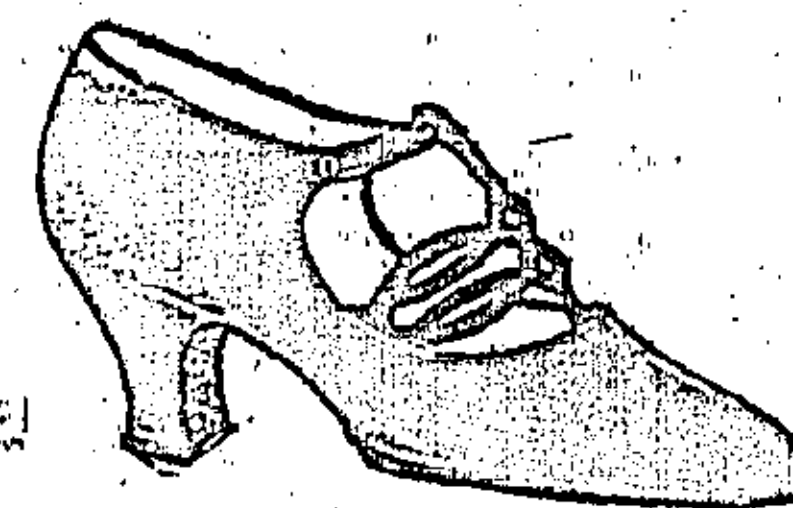
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(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added: "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted: "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings. 108 (a). "All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hongkong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted: "outside the Colony of Hongkong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added: "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

"Votes of Members."
80. "On a show of hands every member present shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote; for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands; unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 53 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

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PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order,

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

On account of the Chinese New Year Holidays, our various premises will be closed from February 2nd to the 5th inclusive.

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Mr. C. J. Ketchum, the special correspondent of the Daily Express cabled the following interview from Peking on January 26th with Marshal Chang Tso-lin:—

"I have nothing to say against any patriotic movements in the south but not only do we believe, but we have the most ample evidence on which to base our belief, that this so-called nationalist movement is not a genuinely patriotic movement as it generally appears to be; that it is, in fact, entirely influenced and controlled by a certain power who have, so to speak, bought out certain leaders in the south. It is this foreign influence, in other words, the Bolsheviks, whom we are now fighting, and I and my leaders in Northern China, are determined to wipe out, once and for all time, all these Russian undesirable elements in our country."

MOSCOW'S AIM.

"We have the fullest evidence that not only have the Bolsheviks been supplying them with ammunition but that they have also been maintaining them with funds. What other purpose, also, I ask, could be intended to be served by Moscow by the presence in China of such notorious Communist revolution in this country?"

"Russian schools are springing up everywhere in the South. There are schools of Soviet propaganda and I can tell you that the so-called Nationalists such as Chang Kai-shek, Sun Fo, Hsu Chien and Eugene Chen have been bought body and soul by Russia. They are Moscow's puppets and, having received Moscow's gold, they cannot but carry out the programme which Moscow has set out for them."

"They are the real disturbing elements in the country. We are determined to crush them. We are just as patriotic as any southerners but, while the southern people are being stamped under the heel of Soviet agents, who are attempting to utilize the present opportunity to resort to radical measures in their dealings with the powers, we northerners are trying our best to attain the same ends—mainly the revision of unequal treaties—and intend to do so, by means of ordinary diplomatic negotiations."

THE MOSCOW TOUCH.

"The south is now reacting to violence at the instigation of Moscow. That is to say the leaders in the pay of Moscow are egging on the mobs while they themselves remain in safety behind them. These very methods go to demonstrate their lack of sincerity in the great principles which they proclaim."

"What I most earnestly wish, what we all in North China most earnestly wish, is that Great Britain could only clearly understand the real situation in this country that is to say they only appreciate the fact that any anti-British movement that there may be in China just as patriotic as any southerners to-day is wholly engineered by

Russia through Southern leaders. The Chinese people themselves are innocent of any real hostility towards Great Britain and the powers. We wish the British Government could realize then how futile it is to co-operate with such men as Mr. Eugene Chen who are nothing but tools of Moscow. The Hankow case would have been settled if Great Britain had not approached Mr. Eugene Chen as she did. In other words Great Britain is giving too much weight and too much encouragement to the South. By further negotiating with them in this way matters will only be more seriously complicated. Great Britain will come to realize this sooner or later. In dealing with the South she is not dealing with China but with Soviet Russia."

NORTH'S TURN FOR NEGOTIATION.

"We regret bitterly that Great Britain should take up each of these cases with the South locally as they have done at Hankow, while they show not the slightest tendency of any yielding attitude towards the North. Great Britain, in fact appears to be willing to yield only where violence is resorted to. We of the North have striven in every way within our power to maintain order and peace and insure full protection for British lives yet Great Britain, in the hour of this crisis, has not given us the slightest expression of appreciation of our attitude and conduct. Whenever there was an incident threatened involving the safety of British interests in Shanghai, Tientsin, or even here in Peking when the Legations were surrounded, we rushed out troops to afford the necessary protection and yet all that we have received from Great Britain in return has been fault-finding with our efforts."

BRITAIN'S ERROR.

"Great Britain, at this moment seems to be determined only to get in touch with the disturbing elements of the south and to reach compromises with them. Great Britain always asserts that there is an unstable Government in the north but it must be remembered that there is not yet even a recognised government in the south. We realize just as well as Great Britain and the powers, how important it is to have a strong central government in China but I believe that, at the present juncture, it is of paramount importance that military affairs should have precedence over politics."

"When militarily we succeed then it will be a comparatively simple matter to proceed with a political organization. It seems in fact that the view of the powers is that the establishment of a strong Central Government is China's main problem but, on our part, I can assure you that the national crisis must be solved first by force of arms. We hope that the powers will soon come to see things from this standpoint and express their cordial goodwill without delay—before it is too late."

HOPE FOR UNIFIED CHINA.

"By goodwill I mean that the powers should voluntarily take up with us the revision of unequal treaties. This would have a tremendous influence in the south and would help us win over certain of the more moderate elements there. We have not lost hope for a unified China. I say that it is in sight and that when this end, which all of us

in every corner of this country so much desire, is at long last attained, then they may carry on their trade with our people wholly unmolested and in lasting peace."

"Meanwhile, we have a military situation to face. We are determined to carry out our programme to its full completion. Our enemies, as I have said, are no section of the Chinese people but a group of puppets in the pay of Moscow. I am going to eradicate them. We shall fight them to a finish. For myself I am going to fight Bolshevism till I am carried to the grave."

OLDEST GENERAL.

(Continued From Page 1.)

the chief celebration of the deceased's centenary was the purchase of the Court Garden estate and its dedication as a public park in the name of the oldest Etonian and Guardsman. The Garden Court Estate, a private park of thirty-eight acres, with nearly half a mile of river frontage, has purchased by local subscription in honour of the occasion, and will be maintained for the public under the name of Higginson Park. The presentation of the deeds to Sir George was made by Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles at a fête in the grounds on July 5. The purchase of the estate will preserve the amenities of the riverside and of the interesting approach to the town. Part of the funds—some £3,000 towards the total of £9,000 that will be needed—has still to be subscribed. The money is coming in from Etonians and Guardsmen, as well as from the town of Marlborough.

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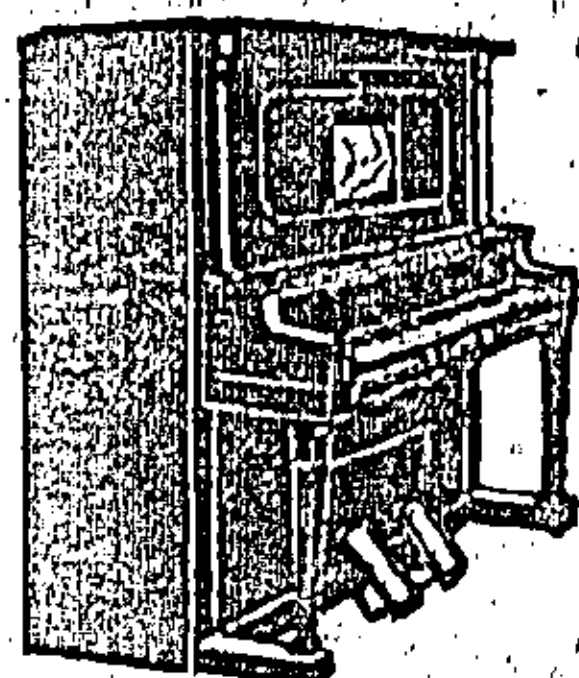
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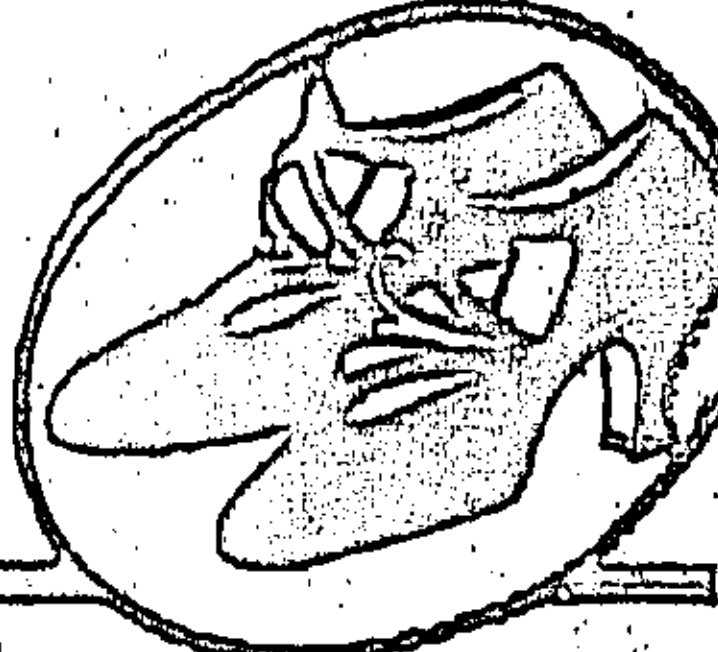
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SIR FRANCIS AGLEN'S
DISMISSAL.

QUESTION OF REGULARITY.

Peking, Feb. 1.
Following the Finance Ministry's statement issued last evening, a mandate late last night dismissed Sir Francis Aglen and appointed Mr. Edwards as Acting Inspector-General of Customs.

The mandate specially lays down that all foreign loans and indemnities, and the domestic loan service shall remain unimpaired.

Admiral Tsai Ting-kan has resigned the headship of the Shuiwuchu (Customs Revenue Administration). The mandate appoints the ex-Minister, Lo Wen-kan, to replace him.

Though his refusal to collect the surtaxon is given as the reason for Sir Francis Aglen's dismissal, the vernacular papers state that the Government is incensed at his visit to Hankow to see Mr. Eugene Chen. They also state that Chang Tso-lin has for years disliked Sir Francis, and some days ago instructed Mr. Wellington Koo to dismiss him.

Sir Francis Aglen is at present on his way to Peking from Shanghai. He is expected to arrive on Thursday.

OBITUARY.

FAMOUS AMERICAN
ARCHAEOLOGIST.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.
The death is announced of Mr. George Byron Gordon, Archaeologist, under whose supervision the University of Pennsylvania's expedition cooperating with the British Museum is excavating the ancient city of Ur of the Chaldees. *Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. George Byron was born August 4, 1870 and was educated at the University of South Carolina and Harvard, graduating from the latter in 1894. He was chief of the Harvard University Expedition to Central America in 1894-1899 and wrote extensively on the discoveries made, among his books being 'The Prehistoric Ruins of Copan (1896)', 'Researches in the Uloa valley (1898)', 'Caverns of Copan (1898)', 'The Serpentine Motive in Ancient Art (1906)', 'The Walls of Constantinople (1921)' and 'Ancient London (1923)'.

Col. Richard Osborne.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.
The death is announced of Colonel Richard Osborne, Military Secretary to Lord Willingdon. *Reuter's American Service.*

COMPANY RESULTS.

THE GODOWN COMPANY.

Subject to audit, the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., report that the balance at Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1925, is \$481,543.12, which together with \$331,190.56 brought forward from the previous year makes a total of \$812,733.68 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the approaching meeting of Shareholders, recommend the following distribution:

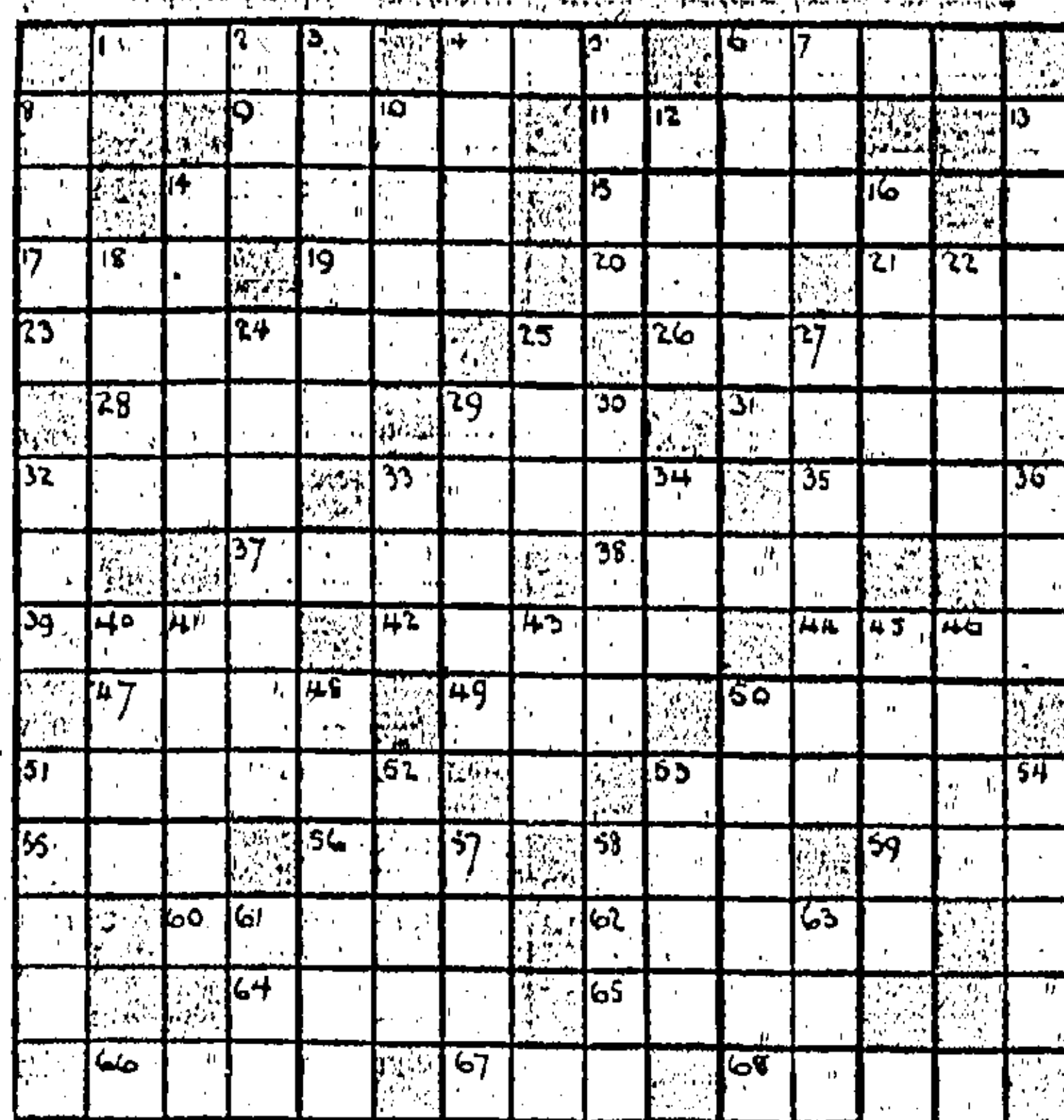
To pay a dividend of \$0.430,000.00 per share\$430,000.00
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Hongkong Tramways.

The Directors of Hongkong Tramways recommend a final dividend of 60 cents per share payable after the date of the forthcoming ordinary general meeting of the Company, which will be announced in due course.

This makes a total dividend for the year of \$1.10 per share, and subject to audit leaves to be carried forward in the accounts a sum of \$247,583.54.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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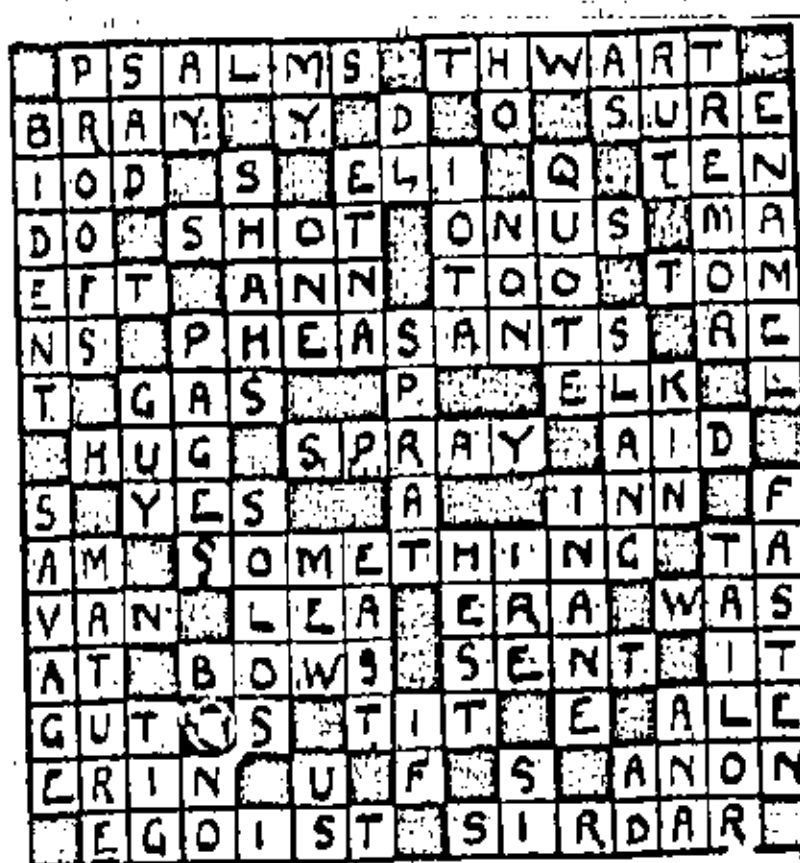
- 1 Hide.
- 4 A step.
- 5 Infolds.
- 6 Rest.
- 11 Egg-shape.
- 14 Goods sunk at sea with something attached to mark their position.
- 15 Passenger.
- 17 Turkish officer.
- 19 Scrap of food.
- 20 Terminate.
- 21 Unit.
- 23 Three-legged stand.
- 25 More dreary.
- 28 Metal.
- 29 Part of the foot.
- 31 Tear.
- 32 Closes.
- 33 Upright.
- 35 Employed.
- 37 Period.
- 38 Haunt.
- 39 Dandy.
- 42 Covered chair.
- 44 Particles of stone.
- 47 Italian coin.
- 49 Abide.
- 50 A father.
- 51 Ponderers.
- 53 Lug.
- 55 Measurement.
- 56 Rend.
- 58 Total.
- 59 Poem.
- 60 Corrode.
- 62 Test.
- 64 Is indebted to.
- 65 Shiny fish.
- 66 Covers.
- 67 Add.
- 68 Narrative.

Down.

- 2 Meadow.
- 3 Shallow lake.
- 4 Closely confined.
- 5 Painful.
- 6 Steps.
- 7 Beverage.
- 8 Spawn of shell-fish.

- 10 Kind of Carnelian.
- 12 Climbing plant.
- 13 Look closely.
- 14 Land owner.
- 16 Showers.
- 18 Smile.
- 22 Yield.
- 24 Condition.
- 25 An inlet (Shelland).
- 27 Kind of salt.
- 29 Plants.
- 30 Acclamation.
- 32 Reflux of the tide.
- 33 Printer's measurements.
- 34 Large cask.
- 36 Free.
- 40 12th month of Jewish year.
- 41 Corridor.
- 43 Doll.
- 45 Crude Tartar.
- 46 Want.
- 48 Straight slender missiles.
- 50 Imaginative comparison.
- 51 Lifer.
- 52 Border.
- 53 Entice.
- 54 Receive as a reward.
- 57 Nuisance.
- 58 As you were.
- 61 Wand.
- 63 Viper.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



ILLICIT DRUGS.

UNDER GOVERNMENT
CONTROL.

Geneva, Feb. 1.

At the meeting of the Advisory Opium Committee Sir Malcolm Delevigne pointed out that the drugs which find their way into the illicit trade are manufactured in factories from imported raw material, which are under the control of the Government and are distributed direct from the factories or by wholesalers, who are equally controlled by the government, yet we are still largely ignorant how the illicit traffickers are able to obtain the huge quantities of drugs that they are constantly smuggling into China, and India.

He suggested that all governments should in detail examine the transactions in order to trace the drugs to the consumer. He described the contraband drug trade as a world-wide menace and said that cocaine and morphine were spreading into the Far East.

while the Egyptians were rapidly becoming a race of drug addicts. Sir John Campbell declared that forty-one times the legitimate consumption of narcotics was being introduced into India by illicit traffic and that the situation was appalling throughout the East. Governments were responsible because they had not carried out their definite obligations to limit the manufacture to medical purposes. *Reuter.*

A hen's production index figure is increased if she has a nip of wine, occasionally, according to several French agricultural teachers. Tests recently made showed that the hens given wine moderately laid more eggs.

Boston.—Hurricane Island, Me., once was a town of 2000 inhabitants. The granite industry there used to produce much of the stone used in government buildings. Now the island is deserted. Vin Pelta, the last of the islanders having died recently. The others had gradually moved away as the industry dwindled.

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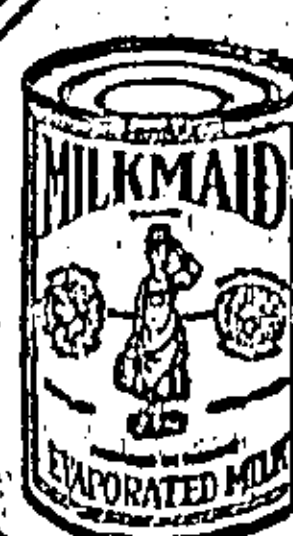
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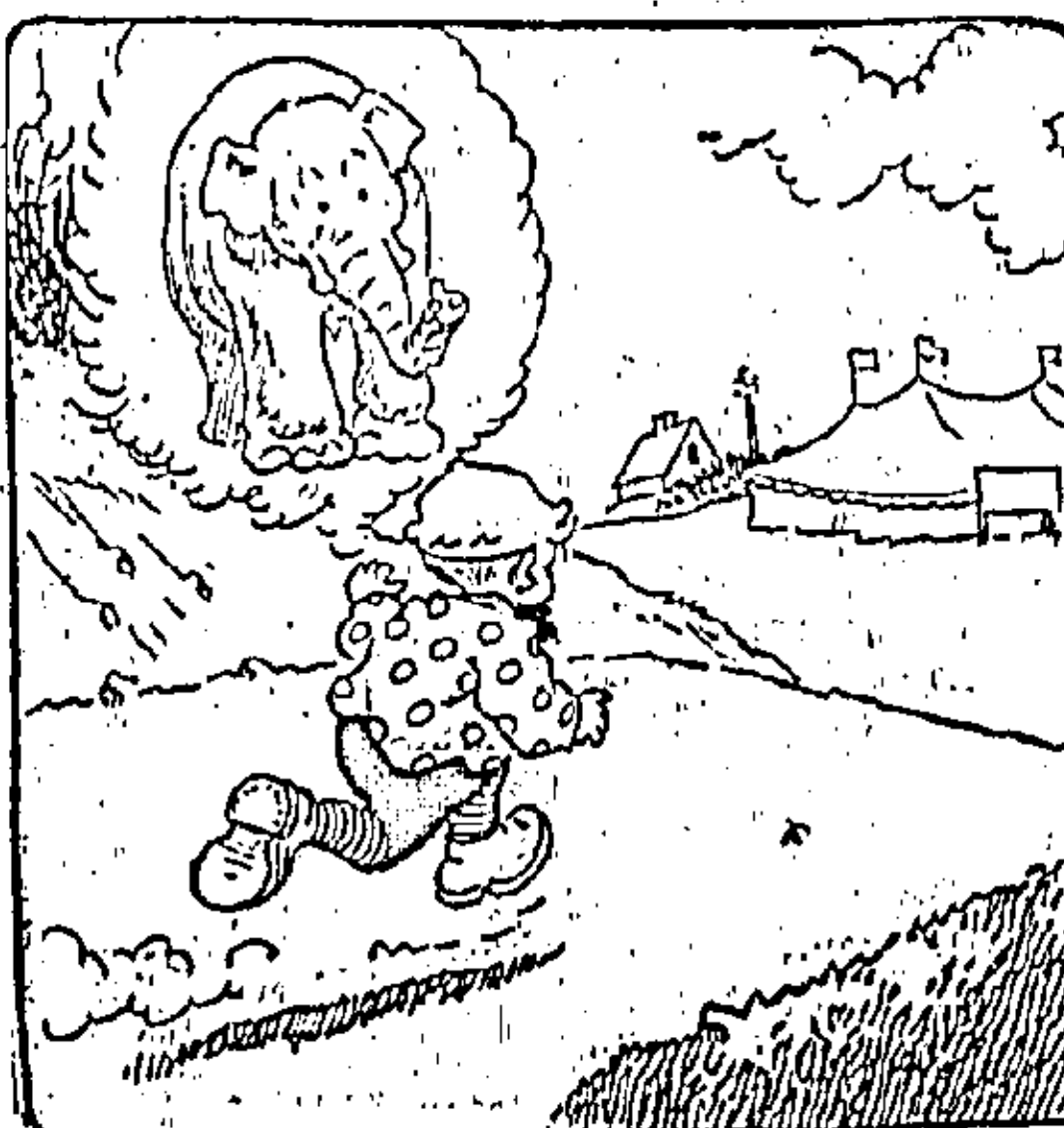
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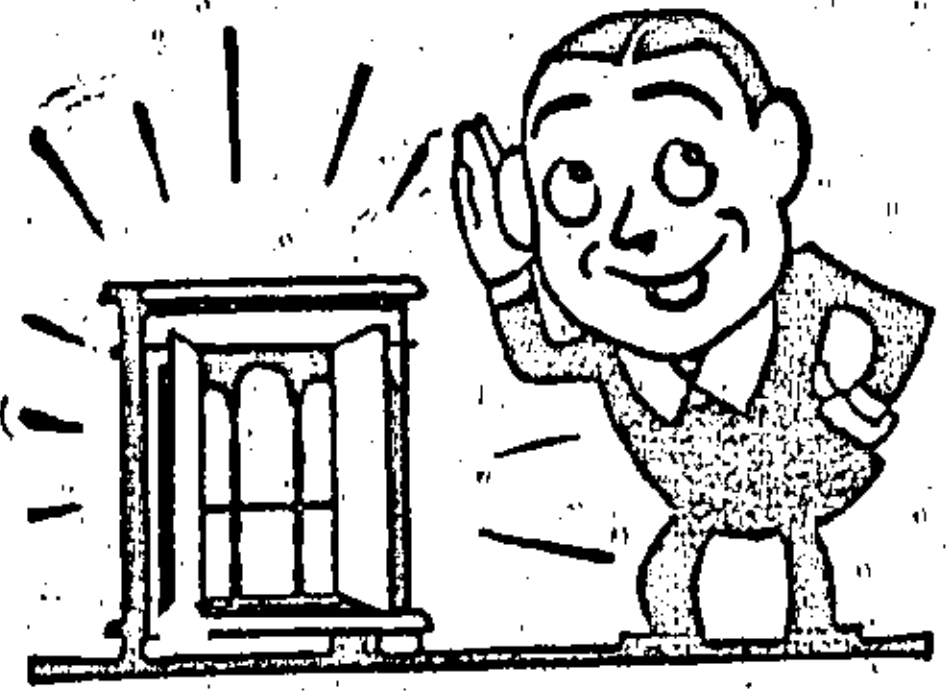
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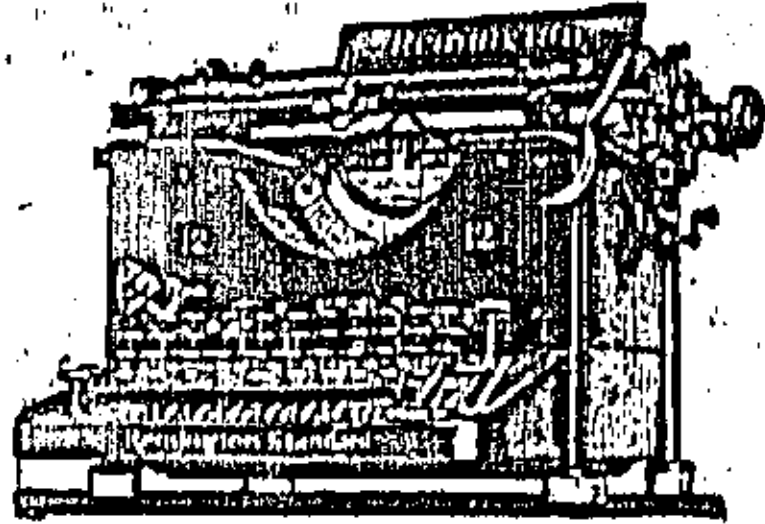
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1927.

A MOMENTOUS YEAR.

Yesterday, China, entered upon the most momentous year in its recent history, and we think it perfectly safe to say so much because we know of no time at which China stood upon so great a step of destiny as that which faces her to-day. Ever since the inauguration of the republican regime in 1911 China has been in a more or less chaotic maze so far as internal affairs have been concerned. Rarely has the country been wholly at peace, and there have been paralyzing struggles between various military and political cliques which have themselves been subject to kaleidoscopic changes and orientations. China has been an uncertain mass of changing and interchanging energies—a flux greatly disturbing to her fortunes of trade and commerce and wholly destructive of real social progress. Foreign friends and observers have mourned this lack of unity, this internal disruption and chaos, and with each succeeding New Year have made it a peg on which to hang homilies and advice as well as good wishes. But during the past year the situation has undergone a grave change, although, at the same time, it has remained one of internal discord and disruption. The spread of the Nationalists' power (mainly through the military successes of General Chang Kai-shek, who has had the advice of Russian helpers) has been accompanied by a simultaneous spread of anti-foreign and, more particularly, anti-British unrest, and it is that new feature which has wholly changed the complexion of China's problem. No longer is China's problem merely one of internal factional strife, but it is one concerning the country's relations with the outside world—a vastly more important matter. The very serious happenings of the past few weeks and the grave state of affairs existing to-day now that the Hankow negotiations have been broken off all bear witness to the truth of the opening assertion at the head of this article, namely, that China is entering upon the most momentous year in its recent history, because it is in this new "Ting Man" year—the fourth of a

new 60-year cycle—that China will have to deal with issues of first-rate international importance.

One cannot hope to review all the various facets of what is a most complex situation, involving, as it does, two rivals factions in China and a large group of foreign Powers. But the past few days have witnessed a clarifying of the situation so far as Britain is concerned. The full text of the latest British proposals which have been presented to Peking and the Nationalists at Hankow has just been made known, and it is clear that Britain is going a very long way indeed to demonstrate that its declarations of friendship for China are not just so much empty talk, but that they express a genuine desire to assist China to gain that full independence and sovereignty of which the Nationalists so glibly talk. From all shades of opinion in Britain has come commendation of Britain's latest act, and from the United States of America, too, has come the heartiest approval. "We feel that Britain is doing the right and proper thing in going as far as it possibly can to satisfy Chinese demands and in dealing impartially with both the main factions. Sincerely it is to be hoped that the Chinese leaders on both sides will have the good sense to appraise the present grave situation at its true value and to prevent acts of violence against foreign lives or property. The danger is that foreign force of arms will, in the long run, have to be used and that danger will only be avoided by wise direction and guidance on the part of Chinese leaders. The future well-being of China is in the hands of these men, and they have entered upon a year in which they will be called upon to settle matters of great moment. It is within the province of us all to wish them well."

The "I.G.'s" Dismissal.

The dismissal of Sir Francis Aglen, the Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, raises some interesting and vitally important points. Strictly speaking, of course, the "I.G." is the servant of the Chinese Government, but as we have long since been told that there is no Central Government exercising power and authority in China at the moment, the query naturally arises whether Chang Tso-lin, the real ruler in Peking, and his associates have the right to determine Sir Francis Aglen's service. That is one point. Coming to another, there seems little ground for doubting that the dismissal is the result of the attitude adopted by Sir Francis in regard to the collection of the new surtaxes. The Peking Government ordered collection through the Customs, but the Inspector General opposed this on the ground that the Customs could only be utilised in the case of taxes permitted by Treaty. The reply to this point—that the Powers unanimously agreed in Washington to the imposition of surtaxes—only tells part of the truth. In principle, and on certain conditions, the Powers did so agree. Britain even went further recently by suggesting the unconditional granting of the taxes. But there has been no endorsement, by Treaty, of the levying of these imposts, which would obviously be the correct procedure. None of the conditions suggested at Washington have yet been fulfilled, whilst it is common knowledge that both Japan and the United States have opposed unconditional imposition of the surtaxes. The Powers have of late been endeavouring to impress on the Nationalists that there is a right and a wrong way of doing things, and it would now seem that Peking needs the same lesson. The chief point to be kept in mind is that the surtaxes have not yet been legally authorised by Treaty, and until they are, any Power which feels so disposed has the right to object to their imposition. In any event, until the position is much more regularised, the Maritime Customs can hardly be expected to co-operate in collection.

DAY BY DAY.

A WRITER GETS IN THE LONG RUN JUST THE READERS HE DESERVES.—Hester Bryce.

"Cricket Notes" and "Musical Jottings" will appear in our issue of to-morrow.

The Ben Line s.s. Renalder from Leith, Antwerp, London, and Straits is due to arrive here on 6th inst.

Five small matchboxes, situated at Chuk Yuen, in Kowloon City, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The damage is estimated to amount to \$500.

The Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and Mrs. Lindsay are holding a reception in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, which is to be followed by the annual Church meeting.

Payr, Lt. H. Prevett has been appointed to H. M. S. Emerald; B. K. H. Norgate to Enterprise. Payr, Sub-Lt. R. St. E. E. Burston to Tamar, addl. Feb. 1, and Tamar, addl., for duty in Commodore's office from date of joining.

The police were yesterday busy rounding up beggars and during the day 168 were collected into the police van which had to make a large number of trips from the Central Police Station for the purpose. The first batch of 52 were deported this morning.

Through being knocked down by a motor car in Caine Road, a Chinese was injured in the legs, and he was taken to Hospital. A ricksha coolie who was knocked down by another car in the city, was only slightly injured, and he was not detained in hospital.

A duplicate key is believed to have been used by burglars who visited the home of Mr. R. Valerino, at No. 15, Granville Road, Kowloon, the night before last and carried away property valued at \$157. The articles stolen were a trola, a mah-jongg set and a felt hat.

Among the many local residents who are shortly leaving the Colony on retirement is Mrs. E. Jenkinson, who for the past four years has been the Manageress of the Peak Hotel. Mrs. Jenkinson is going to Vancouver, B.C., and will take with her the best wishes of her very many friends.

The anniversary of the birthday of Madame Sun Yat-sen was celebrated by all organisations in Canton. Numerous telegrams conveying congratulations were sent to Wuchang, where Madame Sun, as a member of the Kuomintang C. E. E. and head of the Women Department, is staying.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Albert Edward Guest, wireless operator, residing at No. 6 Jordan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Edith May Fincher, residing at No. 1, Leys Building, Kowloon. Mr. Agostino Henriquez Remondos, Bank assistant of No. 696, Avenue Joffre, Shanghai to Miss Phyllis Maria d'Almada Castro residing at No. 1, Lyeemun Villas, Kowloon.

On Tuesday, a rather serious accident occurred at the Fanling Railway Station, where a railway porter was injured through being knocked down by a locomotive. The injuries sustained were chiefly to the head and face, and after the application of first-aid dressing, the man was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital in a serious condition.

Telling him that the two \$100 bills which they had at first unsuccessfully attempted to borrow were forgeries, and demanding that he accompany them to the Police Station, a Chinese was induced to part with the custody of this money in the belief that his two interrogators were police detectives. Half-way to the Police Station, the men bolted. The affair has been reported by the victim to the police.

A Chinese coolie, who was alleged to have paid out two forged Hongkong and Shanghai \$10 banknotes when buying flowers, was charged with uttering the notes and possession before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning. Detective Sergeant MacDonald explained that a Chinese detective was passing when the second note was offered, and another seller came up and showed the detective another note which the defendant had handed to him an hour previously. The defendant denied the charges.

VALEDICTORY.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

A large number of the European staff of the Naval Yard gathered in the Dockyard Club-rooms on Tuesday evening to bid farewell to Mr. F. E. Wilkins, Foreman of Boilermakers, who is re-appointed Home after serving seven years in the Hongkong Naval Yard. Mr. C. Young presided, and among the Company present were Engr. Captain E. G. Pallot, D.S.O., and Engr. Commander Sebastian.

Mr. C. Young, in the course of a complimentary speech, referred to the many good points and sporting qualities of Mr. Wilkins, who was, he said, one of those quiet social workers who was here, there, and everywhere. He was sorry to lose such a good associate.

In presenting Mr. Wilkins with a solid silver tea set and tray, subscribed for by the European staffs of the various departments in the Yard, Engr. Captain Pallot spoke of his excellent qualities, and noted with deep satisfaction the enthusiasm shown by him at all times in connection with his various duties as a foreman. It gave him great pleasure in presenting the handsome token of esteem, and hoped that it would serve to remind him of the happy times he had spent among the staff of the Hongkong Naval Yard.

Expressing thanks, Mr. Wilkins said he was sorry to leave Hongkong for he had had the time of his life here in this Colony. He had enjoyed every week of his seven years here.

Following the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," etc., a lengthy programme of songs was rendered by Messrs. Bennett, Stephenson, Robinson, Rundell, White, McGill, Bates, and Mr. Wilkins himself, while Mr. Long-year gave a splendid pianoforte selection from his repertoire of overtures. Mr. A. Hake was the accompanist for the singers.

Later, Mr. A. Ponsford, Inspector, on behalf of the boiler-makers' staff made a few well-chosen remarks about their old associate and the spirit which animated all present who had come to bid him good-bye.

The "Clubrooms" were now crowded and the company was a thoroughly representative one. After a general exchange of good wishes, three hearty cheers were given followed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Those of the party having other engagements, took their departure at this stage of the proceedings, but the musical honours and merriment continued with the utmost camaraderie. For the second half Mr. Mitchell was at the piano, as accompanist, and the choruses of almost every known English song, from "The Blind Boy" to "Show me the way to go Home," were sung. This farewell function was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Wilkins who is well known in local social circles, and who is a Past Master and Founder of the Cathay Lodge of Freemasons in Hongkong, leaves the Colony on Saturday next, by the s.s. Morea.

FOR PALESTINE.

NEW CHIEF JUSTICE APPOINTED.

London, Feb. 2.
It is officially announced that Mr. Michael Francis McDonnell, of the Inner Temple, has been appointed Chief Justice of the supreme Court of Palestine.

Mr. McDonnell has held a number of judicial and legal posts in West Africa. His last office was that of Attorney-General in Sierra Leone.—British Wireless.

TWO-WAY RADIO.

SUCCESSFUL SHORT WAVE EXPERIMENT.

London, Feb. 1.
Successful short-wave two-way wireless communication was established on Sunday between a station at Mill Hill School in Middlesex and a Norwegian whaling ship at present cruising in the South Polar regions. The whaler's position was 250 miles within the Antarctic circle.—British Wireless.

Captain R. V. Holt, D.S.O., M.V.O., is being succeeded in command of the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla at Rosyth by Captain M. R. Maxwell Scott, D.S.O., on board the Bruce. The new captain (D), promoted in June, 1925, was formerly Senior Officer of the West River Flotilla, China.

The Very Idea!

Telaviv, under a local ordinance just approved by Lord Plumer, the High Commissioner of Palestine, is the only town in the world where the observance of Saturday as a day of rest is legally enforced. All shops and factories within the municipal area of Telaviv, except a few which are owned by Moslems and Christians, must close from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday. Restaurants are allowed to be open only until 8 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Moneylenders, as a rule, are the only persons who ever seem to get evidence of means.—Judge Parry.

We should be sterner critics of the houses we are to own than of the houses we are merely to occupy.—Mr. Baldwin.

Some parrots always talk a lot. Whenever they are ruffed. But I know one that never ceases. The bloomin' thing is stuffed.

Mar at Bow County Court: I have never separated from my wife—a record for the street I live in.

Tenant with spectacles, at Southwark County Court: Every time I go into the house I am called "four eyes."

Tramp at Wareham: I was short in my banking account, and had to get funds from somewhere to carry me over Christmas.

Newton Abbot schools are responsible for the following "howlers":—

The prophet Eliza was carried up to heaven in a whirlwind.

Cain answered: "Am I my brother's caretaker?"

The sun never sets in Baffin Land because it cannot get there in time.

The Maypole leaf is the Canadian anthem.

"Encourage the monkey, give him too much importance, and he will paw his cage to pieces." It never reigns but it paws.

Cigarette cards, hitherto unknown in Paris, have appeared for the first time in packets of popular French cigarettes, and visitors to the boulevards are already being pestered with the child collector's familiar appeal. Tobacco is a State monopoly in France, and opportunity will be taken to develop the cigarette card as a medium for political propaganda. Specimen cards show coinage bearing the head of Louis XVI, the King of France who was beheaded in 1793 after a reign of financial instability which has been compared to the present state of France.

"When a man reaches 60 he has about as precarious a hold on life as the Tory Government has of office.—Mr. MacDonald.

Miss Anita Loos asserts that "gentlemen prefer blondes" but I, as an artist and an Irishman, would like to include brunettes of America.—Sir John Lavery.

In his book on the Prince of Wales, Major F. E. Verney tells this story of the Prince as a midshipman on the Hindustan.

A Lieutenant, entering the ward-room, was horrified to find a small midshipman comfortably seated in an easy chair smoking a cigarette. "What's your name?" demanded the Lieutenant, "and what the deuce are you doing in the ward-room?"

The midshipman slid to his feet to answer to the crime, and then said: "Wales sir. The captain brought me in here. I hope you don't mind frightfully."

"W-h-a-a-a? You cheeky young devil," replied the wrathful Lieutenant, "get out of this before I kick—" He paused and had a good look at the offender, and then:—"Dammit! I believe you are Wales."

The Prince grinned apologetically. "Sorry, sir I believe I am, but I can't help it."

In an American paper any one who cares may read this remarkable item of news:—

"Thongs crowded the cafes after cold drinks, and after eating those who were bathing suits, went down to the beach for a swim."

GLADSTONE LIBEL CASE.

A DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT.

London, Feb. 1.

The Gladstone case, in which Capt. Peter Wright is suing Lord Gladstone for libel, owing to the publication of a letter in which Lord Gladstone termed Capt. Wright a "liar, coward and a fool," in connection with a book of political memoirs he has published, and which caused Capt. Wright's expulsion from the Bath Club, was dramatically resumed to-day, by the reading of a telegram from Mrs. Langtry from Monte Carlo "strongly repudiating the slanderous accusation of Capt. Wright."

In the course of a 10½ hours cross-examination, Lord Gladstone's counsel endeavoured to show the flimsy basis of Capt. Wright's assertions, namely, that after dinner talks of many years ago were quoted on the subject of Lord Milner's reference to "Seraglio" from the book by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, in which Lord Milner was described as jokingly using the word "Seraglio," meaning Gladstone's wife and daughter.

At the conclusion, Capt. Wright regretted the publication of the passage of the book, in which he said that the Prime Minister Gladstone "founded the great tradition publicly to speak the language of the highest and strictest principle and privately to pursue and possess every sort of woman," and said that if Lord Gladstone would withdraw his phrase of "liar, coward and a fool," he (Capt. Wright) would say that he was extremely sorry to hurt Lord Gladstone's feelings.

Mr. Justice Avey held that Lord Gladstone's letter on which the libel case was based was written on a privileged occasion, but he left the jury to decide whether Lord Gladstone was attacked by malice.

The case was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

FINAL AGREEMENT REACHED.

London, Feb. 2.

Reports from Paris state that at to-day's adjourned meeting of the Conference of Ambassadors, agreement resolving outstanding differences regarding German disarmament was reached. The only important matter at issue remaining had reference to the Koenigsberg fortifications, and as the result of instructions received from Berlin by the representatives of the German Government, a settlement has been effected direct between them and the Conference, as representing the Allied Powers, without reference of the dispute to arbitration.

The Inter-Allied Military Commission of Control, in form in which it was constituted by Articles 203 to 208 of the Peace Treaty, now ceases to exist, after some seven years' work.—*British Wireless.*

A CLEAN SLATE.

Paris, Feb. 1.

The agreement between the Conference of Ambassadors and the German Government, as regards the fortifications on Germany's eastern frontiers, passes the sponge over the whole disarmament problem and gives Germany a clean slate.

It is agreed that the Kuestria Glogau fortress and twenty-two fortification works at Koenigsberg shall be destroyed.

As regards the East Prussia zone, it shall be defined wherein fortification are banned apart from those whose existence was noted in 1920, but the Allies agree to the retention of a number of dug-outs built since 1920.

Germany undertakes to pass a Bill prohibiting the manufacture, import and export of all kinds of war material, apart from the restricted rights allowed to Germany under the Peace Treaty as regards military and naval armament.—*Reuter.*

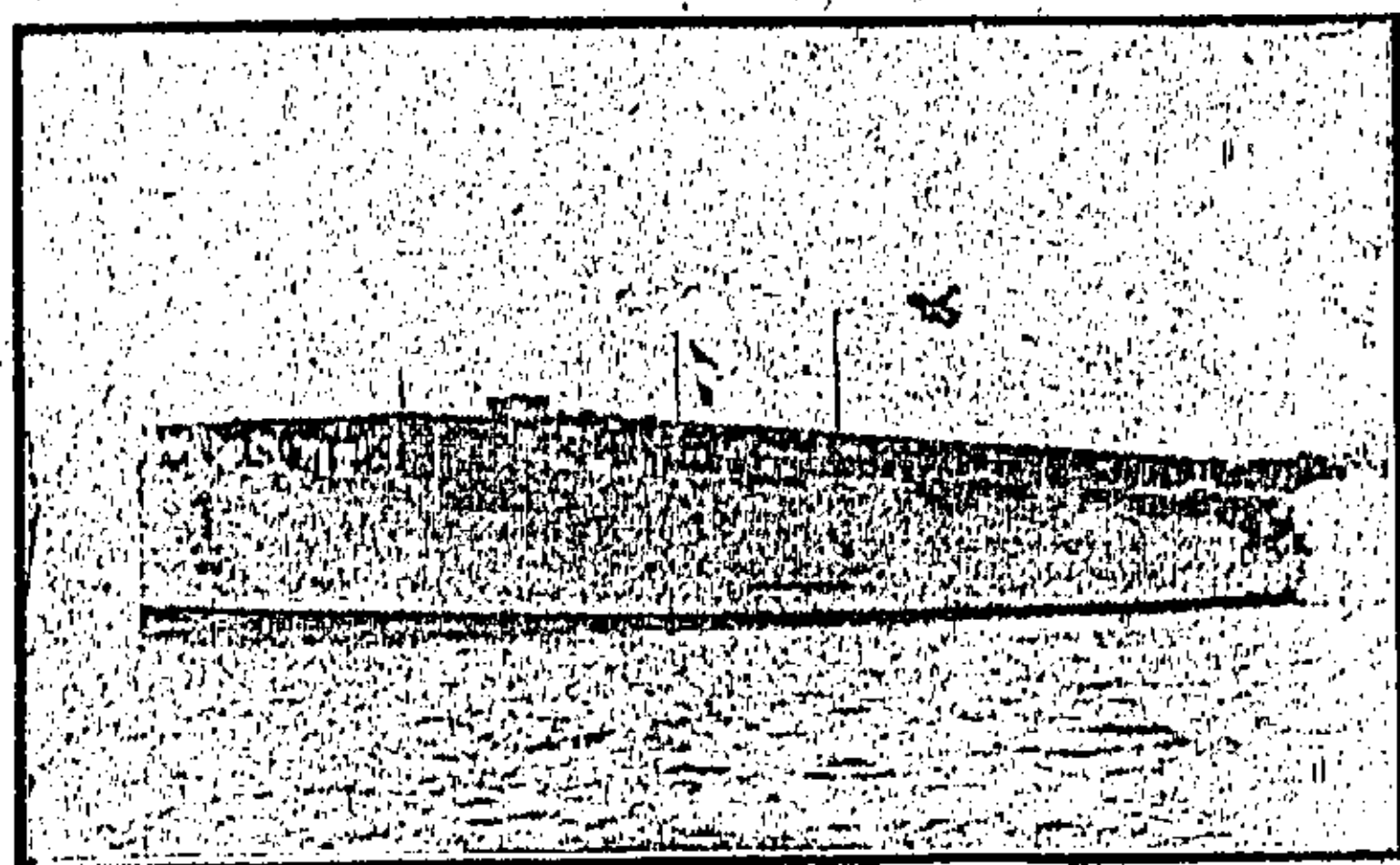
SOVIET'S CHOICE.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

Moscow, Feb. 1.

M. Dvognalevsky, the former Soviet Minister to Sweden, has been appointed Ambassador at Tokyo, replacing M. Victor Kopp.—*Reuter.*

"LEAVES FOR CHINA."



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CHINA NEW YEAR.

HOW IT WAS OBSERVED.

The real holiday spirit has prevailed over the Chinese New Year holidays, and business houses and Banks still remain closed to-day.

The Fair in Chinatown drew the customary large crowds on Tuesday afternoon and night, whilst for those who wished to enter into the carnival spirit there were very jolly special festivities at the Hongkong Hotel, the Lane Crawford Restaurant, the King Edward Hotel, the Savoy Hotel and the Kowloon Hotel. All these drew large crowds.

Yesterday was a delightful day as far as weather was concerned, and the city presented a gay appearance with British and Chinese flags everywhere in evidence. The Chinese community spent a busy time paying complimentary calls, whilst cracker-firing continued all day. The main sporting event was the Interport football match between Hongkong and Shanghai, which drew thousands of people to Happy Valley. A striking feature of this function was provided by the Pipe Band of the 2nd. Batta. King's Own Scottish Borderers, who, in their smart turnout, played selections on the ground and carried out effective movements. There were special holiday competitions at Fanling, whilst for cricketers there was the first day of the match between the I.K.C.C. and the United Services. This fixture is being continued to-day.

Last night the Interport football dance took place at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant and proved a big success.

TRAFFIC MISHAPS.

SEVERAL OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

A large number of traffic accidents have occurred during the past two days, but fortunately none of these were of a serious nature.

While going down the incline from Square Street into Hollywood Road on Tuesday, a scavenging lorry got out of the control of the driver, and crashed into the street fire-alarm after upsetting a stall. No-one was injured, although substantial damage was caused to the vehicle.

A collision with slight damage to both vehicles, occurred yesterday between a motor car and a tramcar at the junction of Cleverly Street and Des Voeux Road.

In running across the roadway, a small boy was knocked down yesterday by a taxi-cab, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his face.

Through being knocked down by one of the Aberdeen buses yesterday, a Chinese woman was removed to hospital. The mishap occurred at Queen's Road, West near Centre Street, the woman being injured in the abdomen.

A motor bus, laden with passengers, ran into a verandah pillar at Kowloon City yesterday. No-one was injured. The left mud-guard and tyre of the vehicle were damaged.

The Medical Officer of Health's weekly returns of notifiable diseases, shows that twelve cases occurred during the seven days ended Saturday. Of these three were small-pox, three diphtheria, three enteric fever, and one each cerebro-spinal fever, puerperal fever and rabies. All were Chinese, with the exception of two British (one imported) cases of enteric and an Indian case of rabies. There were three deaths from small-pox, two from diphtheria and one from enteric.

AIR COLLISION.

FLYING OFFICER KILLED.

London, Feb. 2.

Details have been received of an air collision which occurred yesterday over the sea off Benninga, Malta.

The machines were a Fairey 3D. seaplane and a Fairey Flycatcher. Both fell into the sea after the collision. The pilot of the Fairey Flycatcher, Flying Officer Mills, was killed. The pilot of the other machine, Flying Officer Howlett, was not injured, but two companions, Wing Commander Cook and Flight Sergeant Worster, were slightly hurt.—*British Wireless.*

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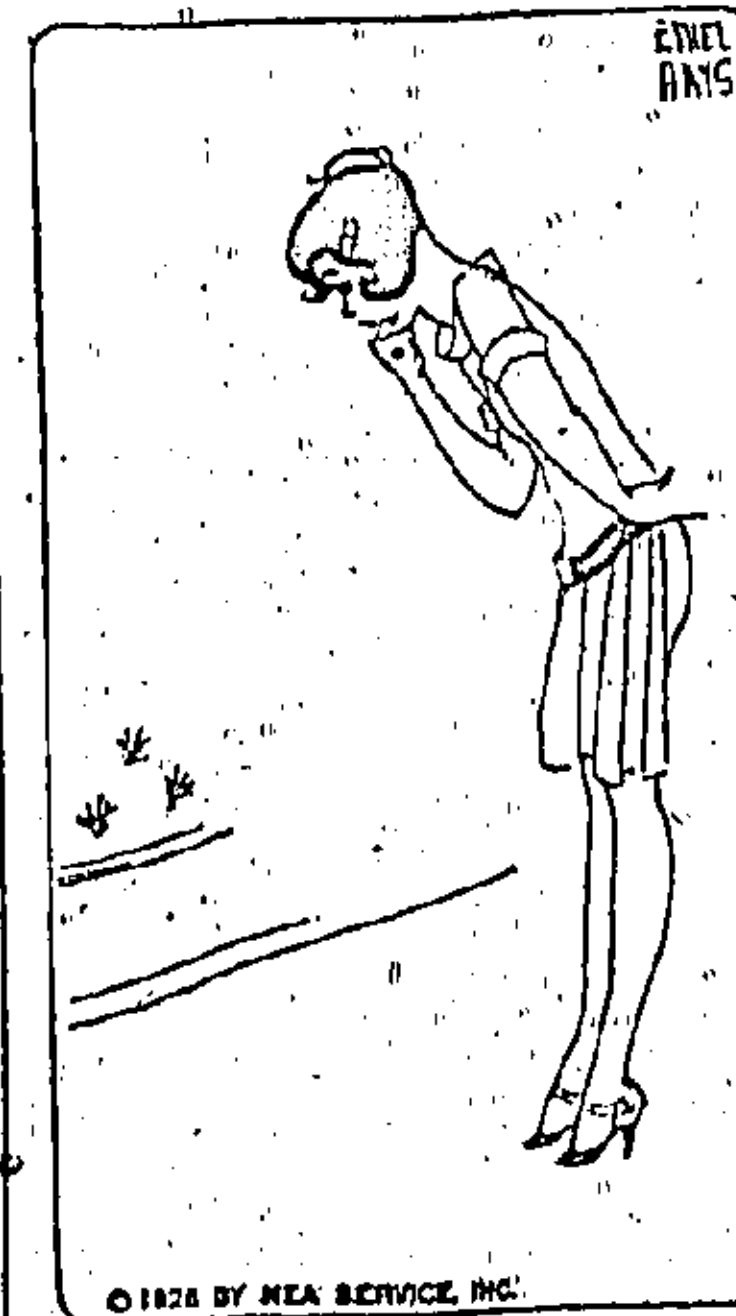
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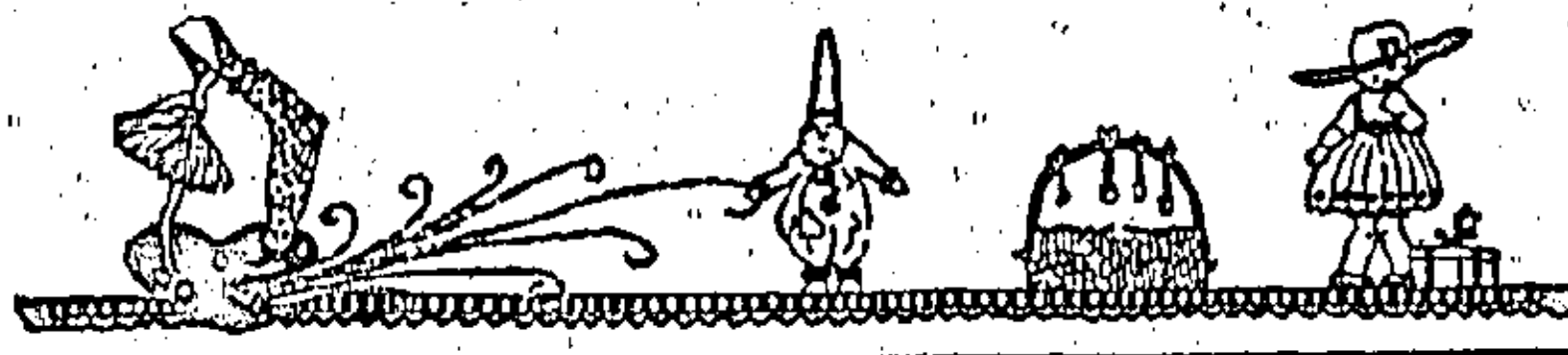
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London, Jan. 8.—Four workmen have been trapped and drowned in a tunnel being constructed by the London Electricity Supply Corporation at Deptford dry dock. It is officially explained that a shaft was being sunk in compressed air when there was an entry of a burst of water into the shaft. The tunnel was to have communicated with the River Thames and water was

to have been drawn through the shaft for the power station. Two other men were rescued and taken to hospital.

One of the rescued men has since died.

Three divers stood by the whole night, while workmen aided by the light of flares made preparations to enable them to descend the shaft in a hazardous endeavour to recover bodies. A preliminary investigation has, however, revealed no sign of the trapped men.

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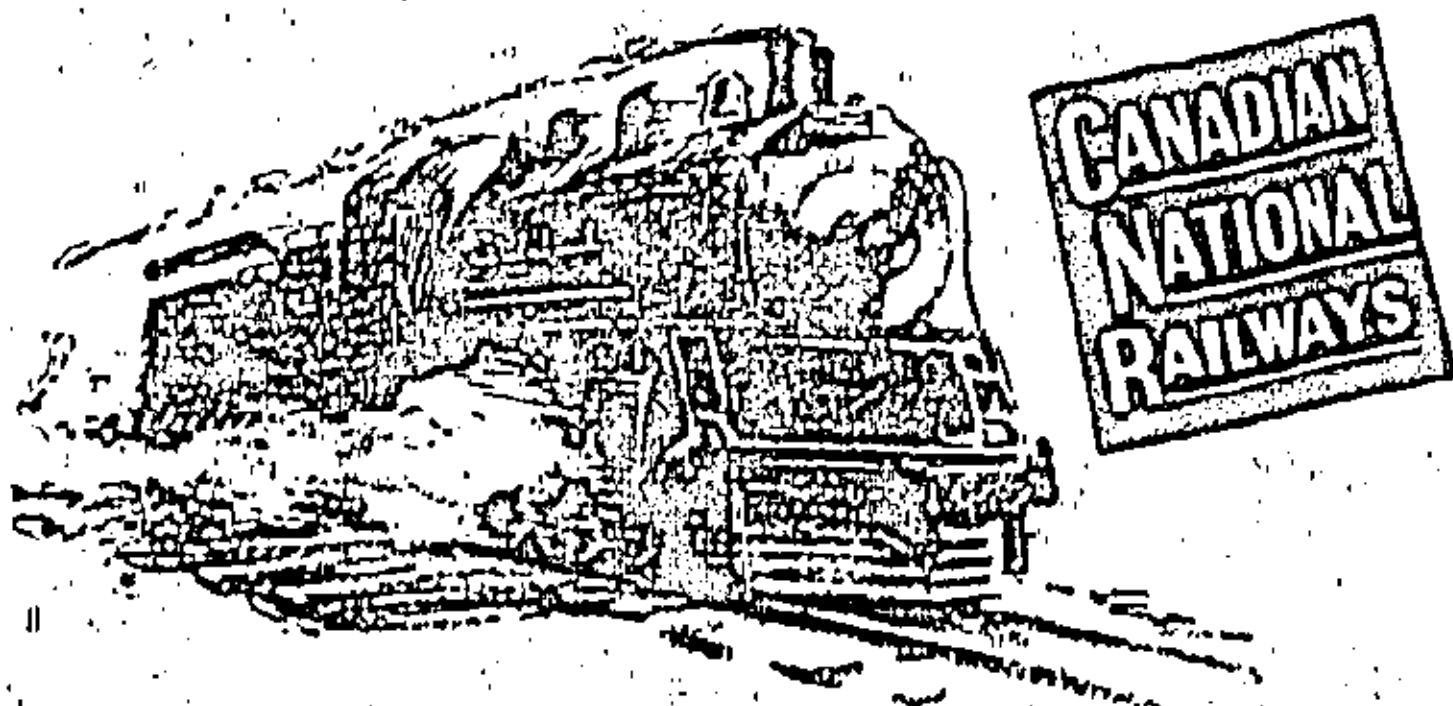
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THE JAY-WALKER.

PROBLEMS OF ROAD CROSSING.

The first step in the official regulation of the pedestrian in London has been taken by the erection of signs in Parliament-square bearing the words, "Please Cross Here."

The following article, by a member of the Town-Planning Institute, discusses the problem and suggests that legislation is necessary to prevent the pedestrian from taking unnecessary risks:—

So great has traffic congestion become in New York, that the Police Commissioner took steps recently to abolish by law the right of heedless pedestrians to cross crowded streets wherever they please. Such persons are arrested now and punished.

The American term for this type of pedestrian is a "Jay-walker," a species not peculiar, unfortunately to the United States; nor is their traffic problem without its serious parallel in this country. No doubt everyone has had momentary lapses from "rational" comportment in crossing streets, and the minority, he it hoped, have experienced the thrill accompanying the escape from injury. After a "narrow shave" in traffic and finding oneself still there and thankful, if a little breathless and startled, the invariable second reaction is to blame someone, and that someone is usually the driver of a vehicle, who probably was equally incommenced and startled.

Such incidents occur every day by thousands, and the unfortunate minority who pay bodily penalty is increasing in an alarming manner. A well-known London magistrate, who has observed traffic conditions and the character of road-users, has been struck by "the blank stupidity of pedestrians and the audacious recklessness of motorists."

A Church Protest.

Indeed, it seems as if a war, a class war, is being waged between those who walk and those who ride. The Parochial Church Council through whose area one of the most important arterial roads of the London system passes took up the cudgels on the pedestrian side by framing a resolution to the Local Authority expressing discontent with the conduct and control of motor traffic, which, by its selfishness, it stated, is the negation of the Commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," and demanding that the inhumanity shown by many drivers towards its parishioners should cease.

But this is practical matter, and cannot be dealt with by pious resolutions. We are all pedestrians, but yet, while remaining pedestrian by nature, nearly all take full advantage of the many alternative mechanical means of conveyance, while a rapidly increasing number of people are actually either cyclists or owner-driver motorists.

Faults of Motorists.

Much of the seeming unreasonableness of motorists is really genuine ignorance, or lack of road-sense and speed-sense. So many have not graduated to the use of the road through the preparatory schools of riding, driving, cycling, and motor-cycling, but have started at once as car drivers. They have no road-lore, no intuitive imagination, and no deductive or anticipative acumen to apply to the varying conditions and incidents in which, as such, they find themselves playing a part. There is "Jay-Driving" as well as "Jay-Walking," and further, there is little doubt that the "Jay-Walker" who becomes a motorist will make a "Jay-Driver."

Excluding children who play in the street, exuberant youths sporting pillion and side-cars, physically unfit drivers and temperamentally unsuitable drivers, the "Jay-Walkers" and "Jay-Drivers" are comparatively few; nevertheless, it is just those few who, together with other slow-moving and uncertainly behaving units, cause the trouble.

The Pedestrian's "Right."

Much of the thoughtlessness of the pedestrian is due to the acquired habit of unrestricted movement, given him by right. He knows he has the right to walk in the road, and many an obstinate

HIDDEN COMPRADORE.

HANOI PIRACY CASE.

Owing to the fact that no word has been received at Tonkin regarding the suggestion to extradite a Chinese who is suspected of being concerned in the Hanoi piracy last December, the local police authorities are proceeding with the charge and the man was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell on Tuesday afternoon.

One of the Hanoi's compradores gave evidence and said he was in his room when he heard shots fired. The men then appeared, both armed with revolvers and he recognized one of them as the defendant. The other pirate produced witness with a revolver and said he wanted the No. 1 compradore. If he was not found witness would be shot.

The pirate apparently had a suspicion that the first compradore was lying in concealment as he fired a shot at some bags of rice, and the compradore immediately appeared from behind them. The safe was then ransacked and \$2,000 in money stolen.

Witness said he thought there were fifteen pirates all told and if they were present he could recognize eight or nine of them.

The defendant was formally remanded for a week. Further evidence will be taken when the Hanoi arrives in Hongkong in about a fortnight.

and selfish person will persist in retaining and using that right. The right to walk in the road holds good, but altered conditions make it undesirable and selfish to fight for that right in full, or beyond the bounds of common sense and neighbourliness.

With a fuller understanding and co-operation, much petty jealousy may be overcome. While it is legal for the pedestrian to enter the roadway at will, it is illegal for vehicles to enter the footpath except at recognised places, pre-arranged and usually identified by a different type of paving, so that both the pedestrian and the driver are aware of the fact. It is this principle, long accepted as regards the vehicle, which must be applied to govern the movement of the pedestrian. All the present indications are that we shall apply this principle, and perhaps do more, in the separation of the pedestrian from those who ride. The common law relating to the use of the road will probably have to be changed, or modified.

The Hazlitt Walk.

William Hazlitt was a self-confessed "Jay-Walker," but his laugh, run, leap and song for joy probably had no obstructive effect on the traffic of his time, and he escaped to laugh another day.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu's charming poem, "The Spirit of the Road," characterizes the road as free for the use of all men, and for all to take pleasure in. A statement of unassailable soundness—when not applied to his toll road—and supported by the framing of the common law; yet who but a "Jay" would wish to exercise his right to walk in Oxford-street or the High-road of Chislewick? The experimentalist might essay the adventure with laugh and a song, but his attempt would, certainly end with a leap and a run, not as Hazlitt did, for sheer joy, but as a fugitive from the wrath of Jehu, and with a caution from the nearest policeman concerning traffic obstruction.

I venture to predict that shortly many important highways in towns will be guarded against the casual pedestrian by the erection of barriers, legal barriers, and even physical barriers as in the case of the railways, which will make it difficult for the pedestrian to enter the road except at recognised places, and that walking to the common danger will be a punishable offence.

The reasonable pedestrian, wishing to cross a busy street, voluntarily takes off from a spot opposite a centrally placed refuge where such exists. A reasonable motorist will expect people to cross there, and be not unwilling or slow to allow the manoeuvre to be accomplished. It is nothing more than mutual understanding—fellow feeling; yet it is not possible to translate a tacit understanding into a legalised rule? More numerous subways and bridges may have to be provided, but unless the circumstances are, such that surface crossing is impossible, these means are not at present looked upon or used with favour by the average individual.

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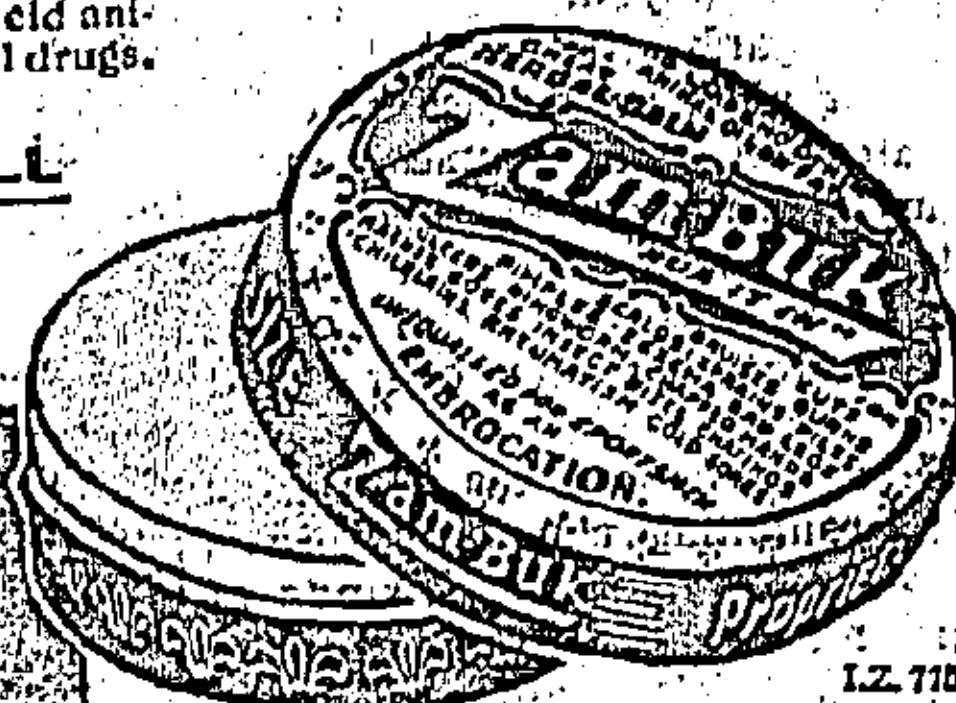
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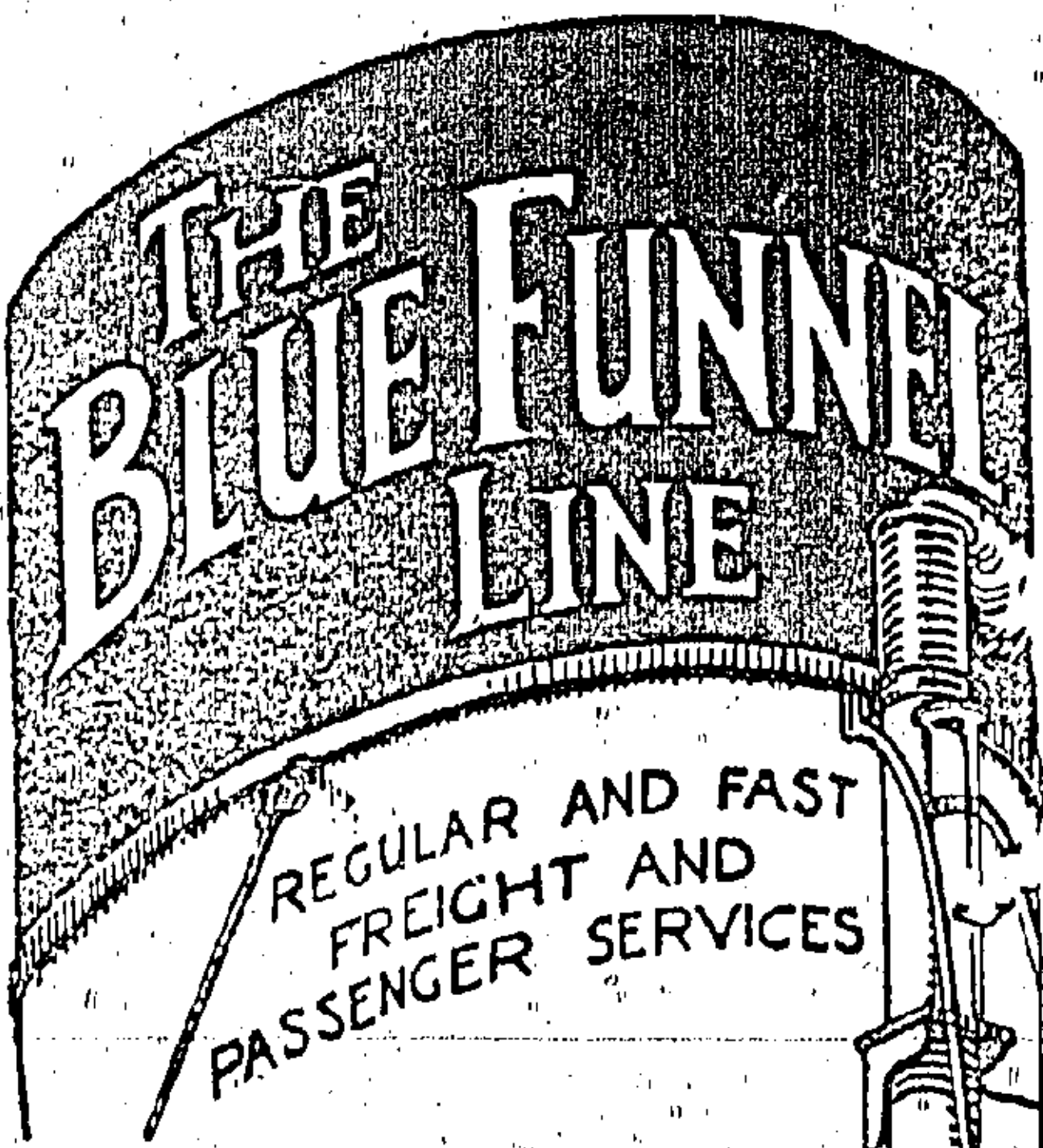
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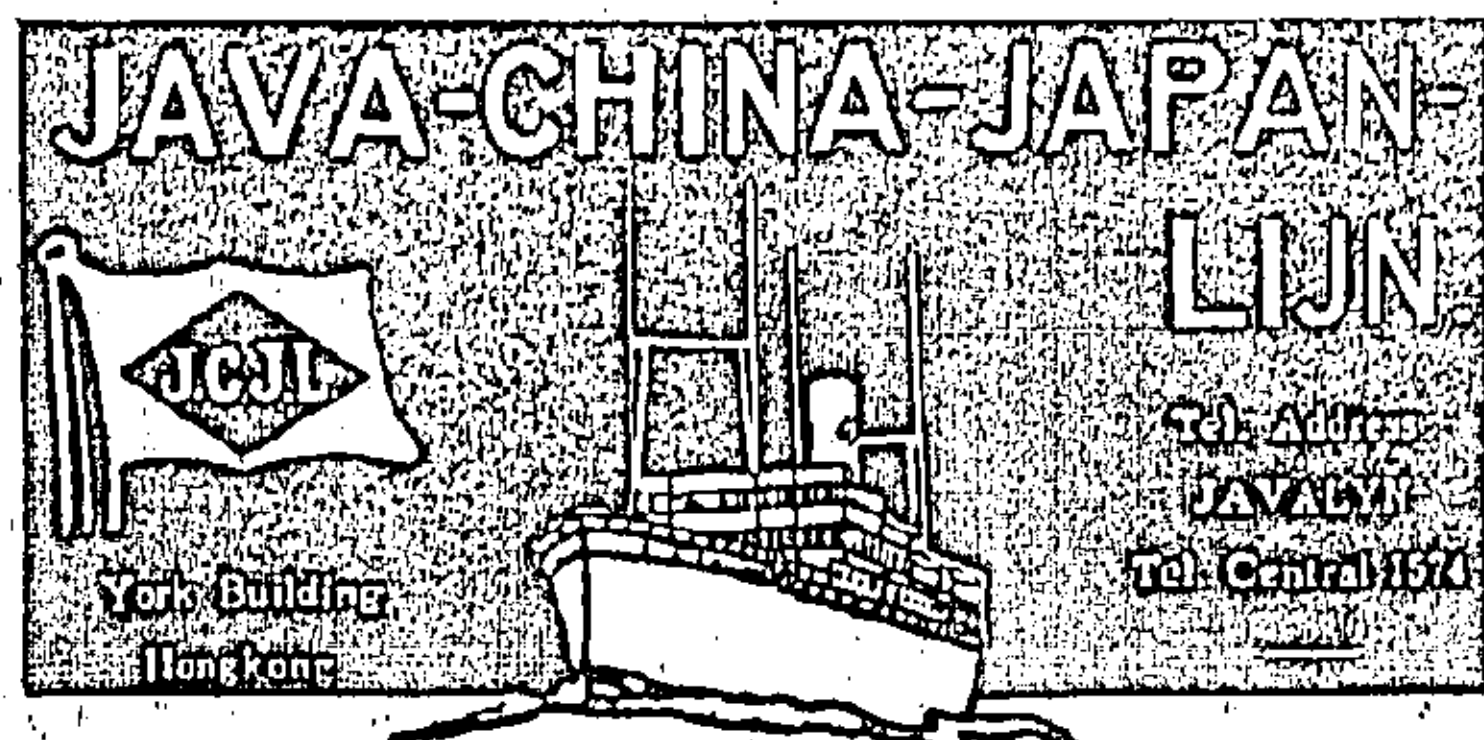
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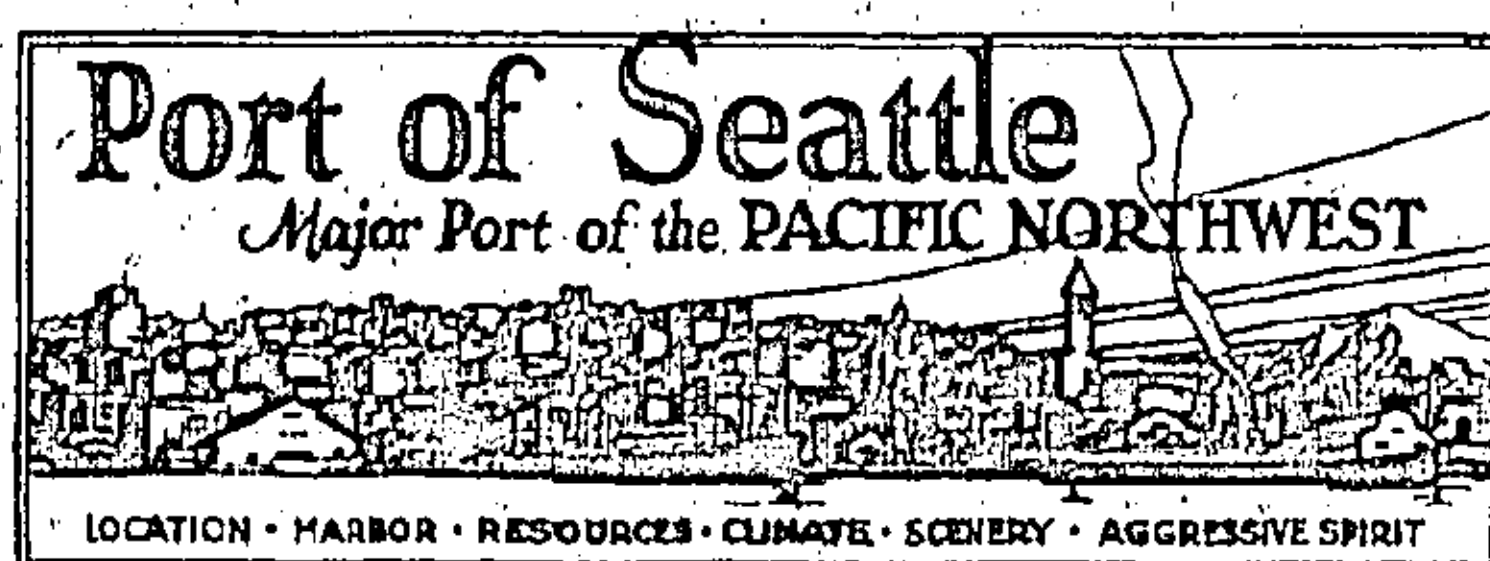
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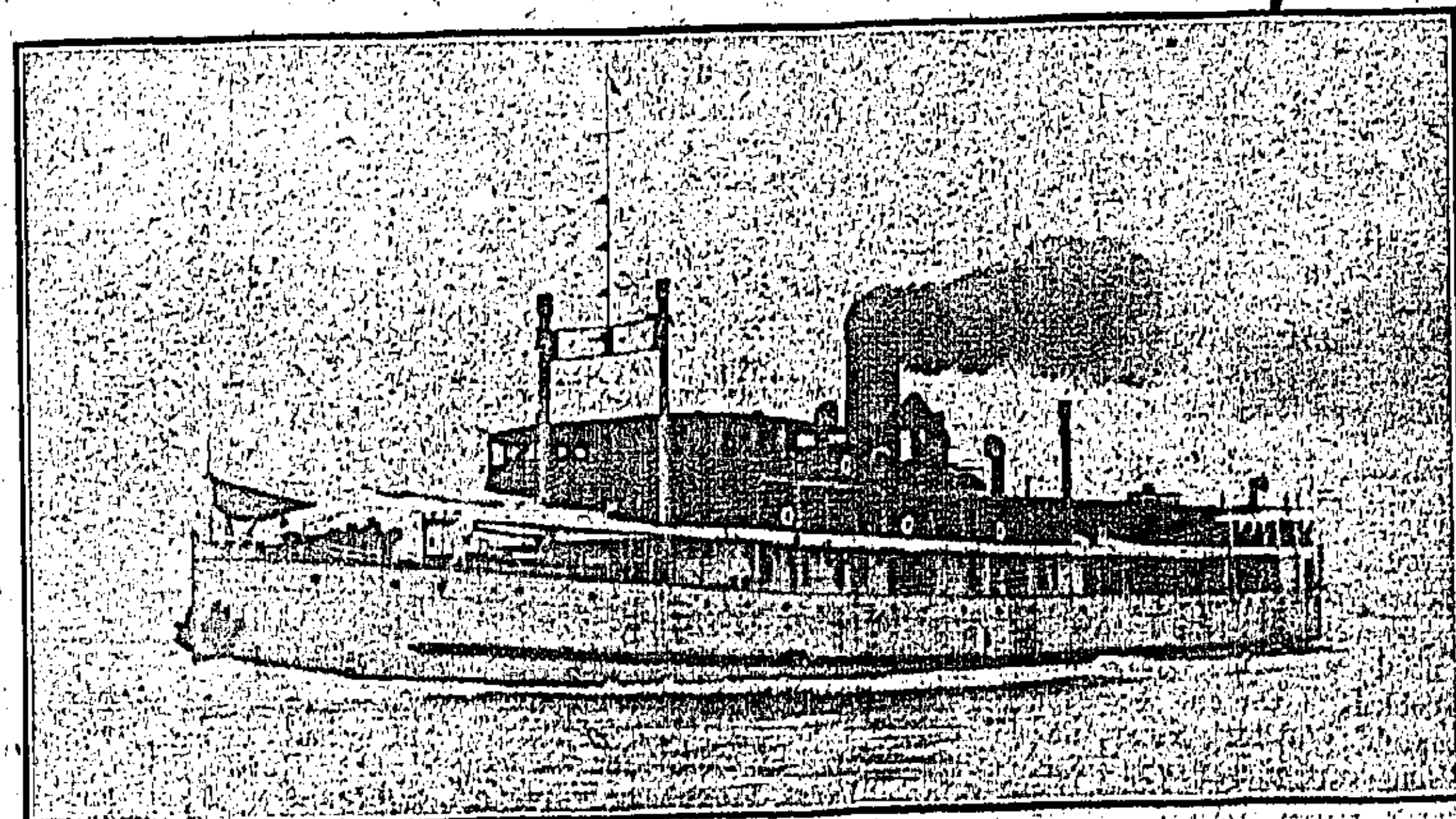
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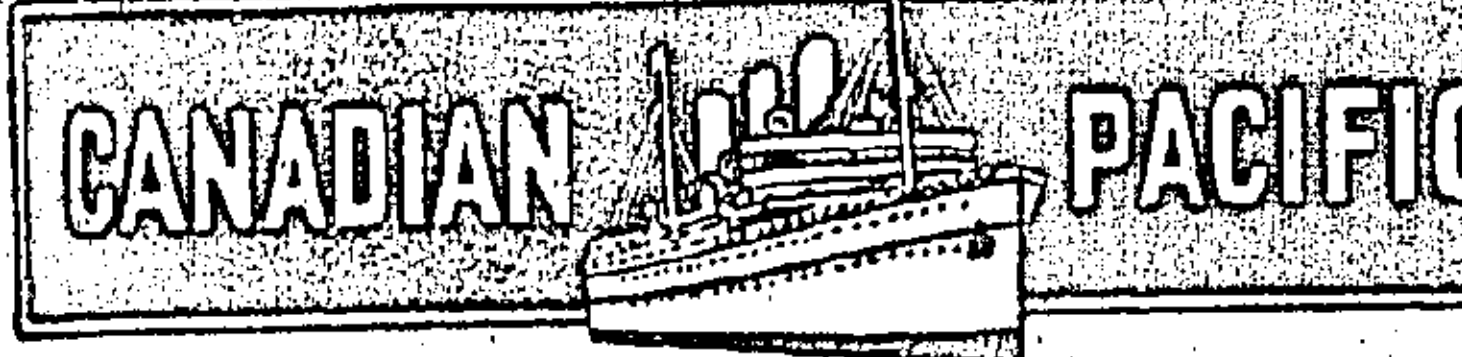
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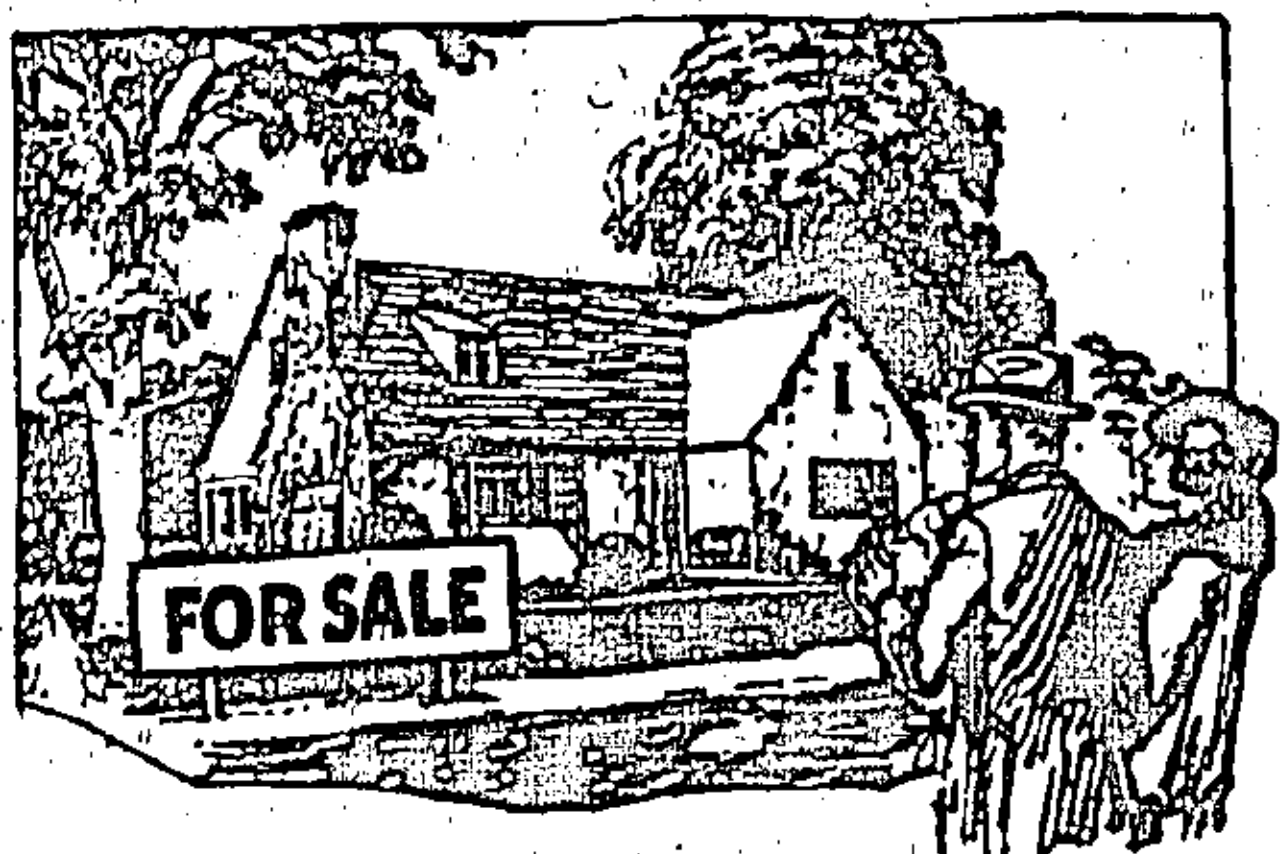
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CHINA CRISIS
OUTLOOK.

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the best hopes for settlement of the differences in China. He was convinced that if the negotiations with Mr. Chen, on the basis of Chinese nationality, were pressed forward, the lives of the residents of Shanghai would not be threatened.

He proceeded: "I am optimistic enough to believe that everything is going to be right. I am very glad that Sir Austen Chamberlain made that speech at Birmingham. Every help that the opposition can give him in negotiating on those lines will be given; make no mistake about that. I do not understand those people who tell me as Leader of the Opposition, that because the Government is doing something, I ought to do the opposite. I decline absolutely to be moved by that sort of feeling. So long as the Government negotiates with Mr. Chen on the lines of recognition of Chinese independence and liquidating the old Treaties, I will be behind them to give them all the help I can. Put all your trust in negotiation and in the personality of the men whom this country has sent out there. Sir Miles Lampson is admirable. Mr. O'Malley is admirable. I firmly believe that if anyone can settle things, these men can."
—British Wireless.

SPAIN'S POLICY.

AGREES WITH BRITISH
MEMORANDUM.

Madrid, Feb. 1.
Replying to the British Government's Memorandum on China, the Spanish Government agrees with the British proposals in regard to the immediate application of the Customs' surtaxes and the gradual modification of extra-territoriality provided adequate guarantees are given to Spanish nationals residing in China.

The Spanish Government opines that in view of the present situation in China, a political declaration by all the Powers adhering to the Washington Convention would be a delicate matter, but Spain would not break the desired unanimity if the Powers more directly interested reached an agreement in regard to such a declaration.
—Reuter.

ANOTHER U.S. ENQUIRY?

SUGGESTED TO PRES. COOLIDGE.

Washington, Feb. 2.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, says he has no knowledge of any project to appoint a new American Commission to investigate the Chinese situation, which is "one of several courses suggested to President Coolidge."
—Reuter.

LORD GREY'S VIEWS.

NOT A MATTER FOR THE LEAGUE.

London, Feb. 1.
Viscount Grey of Fallodon, in a speech at a League of Nations Union gathering in London, said it seemed to be common ground that the old Treaties with China were out-of-date and must be revised in accordance with Chinese national aspirations. If so, it was reasonable to hope that the British Concessions, lives and property would be respected while the civil war was proceeding and that there would finally be a peaceful solution in accordance with Chinese national feeling.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech appeared to have commanded approval throughout the world, but he did not mention the League of Nations because the question was not suitable for the League. The League could not deal with civil war, and as long as the Soviet Government in Moscow was openly hostile to the League, the bringing of the League into this question would be regarded by the Chinese Nationalists and their Soviet advisers as a hostile gesture and a challenge.
—Fowler.

In a speech in London last night, Lord Gray referred to the situation in China in its relation to League of Nations. He said if the Chinese Nationalists were prepared to accept a League solution, the British would be quite agreeable. Even if they were not so prepared, yet the League of Nations spirit was manifestly doing a great deal to restrain public opinion not to resort to force, even under great provocation, except in defence of life and property and after every possible peaceful means had been tried to settle the dispute.

Lord Cecil said he fully agreed with what Lord Grey had said.
—British Wireless.

NEGOTIATIONS
BROKEN OFF.

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centration at Shanghai as other than an act of coercion directed against Chinese Nationalism. To sign any agreement in these circumstances would be tantamount to signing under duress of force. No agreement so signed could be real and effective.

"The Nationalist Government, must, perforce, await the ending of this period of duress before authorising the signing of an agreement which shall settle the status of the portion of Chinese territory known as the British Concession at Hankow. This period could be ended immediately or at any time by Government re-envisaging the effect on the Nationalist mind of the present concentration of their military and naval forces at Shanghai."
—Reuter.

LONDON'S FIRST NEWS.

"EARLY SIGNATURE POSTPONED."

London, Feb. 2.
With reference to the situation at Hankow, news has been received by well-informed quarters in London, that in the course of the negotiations, Mr. Eugene Chen raised the question of the despatch of British troops to China, and that consequently the negotiations have taken a new turn, the result of which is that the early signature of the draft Agreement must be postponed.

It is explained that the delay is not on the general proposals, but on any future Hankow and Kiukiang incidents.
—Reuter.

SPECIAL CABINET MEETING.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE FOLLOWS.

London, Feb. 2.
Following a special meeting of the Cabinet in the afternoon to discuss the China situation, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Earl Balfour and other Ministers conferred with Sir Austen Chamberlain at the Foreign Office.
—Reuter.

HOME COMMENT.

MR. CHEN NOT A FREE AGENT.

London, Feb. 2.
The signature of the draft Agreement regarding the future status of the British Concession at Hankow has been postponed by Mr. Eugene Chen, on the grounds that he was unable to sign while British forces were being landed at Shanghai without necessity.

The negotiations have been broken off. This does not affect the validity of the principles of the broad and modern policy in regard to China which the British Government have definitely laid down.

The Times says: "When towards the end of the last meeting Mr. Eugene Chen agreed to the draft with Mr. O'Malley, on the basis of the latest British proposals and agreement over the status of the Hankow Concession, he knew perfectly well that the British Government were sending troops to protect their nationals in Shanghai, if necessary, against the kind of mob violence that had already been exercised in Hankow, and he formulated a protest against the despatch of troops. But at the same time he agreed to negotiate. Now he has suddenly held up the negotiations on the pretext that the British Government are sending troops. From this strange proceeding, the deduction may fairly be drawn that Mr. Eugene Chen is not altogether a free agent."
—British Wireless.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

LABOUR BACKS THE GOVERNMENT.

London, Feb. 2.
Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a speech at Reading, said he had no hesitation in saying that the speech of the Foreign Secretary on Saturday was not only wide and statesmanlike, but that it was a magnificent contribution to peace. Mr. Eugene Chen, speaking for a great section of the Chinese people, made a declaration last week which, put side by side with the Foreign Secretary's statement, ought, in his judgment, to render a peaceful solution possible.

Mr. Thomas added that he recognised the duty of the Government to protect its nationals, and as long as the present Government maintained a policy of meeting the Chinese people fairly and squarely, the Labour Party ought to say: "God speed. Go on. We will help you and back you in the peace spirit as against anybody that would precipitate war."
—British Wireless.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS.

London, Feb. 2.
Replayed matches in the English Cup competition resulted as follows:

Brentford	2	West Ham	0
Everton	2	Hull	0
Arsenal	1	Port Vale	0
Bolton	3	Leeds	0
South Shields	1	Wednesday	0

In the fifth round, Brentford have to play away against Reading, the Arsenal are at home to Liverpool, Bolton entertain Cardiff, and South Shields are drawn at home to Swansea.

London, Feb. 2.
In the Scottish League, Celtic lost at home to the Hibernians by the odd goal in five.
—Reuter.

ILL-PAID JUDGES.

MEETING OF PROTEST IN VIENNA.

Vienna, December 13.—At a meeting of judges and public prosecutors serious complaints were made by leading men of the law. It was stated that political quarters tried to exercise pressure on the judges, for which the Ministry of Justice was held responsible. Austrian justice was no longer held in such estimation as in the past. From the material point of view also the judges were declared to have been treated very badly. They belong to the hardest-working officials of the State, and after twenty years' service their monthly income amounts to from ten to twelve pounds. In the country places the judges are even worse off. Of course, they must not make any extra income, and their hours of work are practically unlimited. If they have to keep a family, it means a state of things bordering on starvation.

For a long time the judges and public prosecutors have urgently asked for an increase of salary and certain improvements of position, but apart from complimentary words they have received nothing from the Government. It is significant that the public prosecutor for the Press joined in their protest.

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—British Wireless.

ONLY POSTPONED?

Later.
The London Press report that the discussions between Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley have been broken off is incorrect. From information at present available, it appears that in the course of the negotiations regarding the future status of the British Concession at Hankow, Mr. Chen raised the question of the despatch of British troops to China. In consequence, the negotiations have taken a new turn and the prospect of an early signature of the draft agreement providing for an amicable settlement of the Hankow and Kiukiang incidents must be postponed.
—British Wireless.

AMERICAN REGRETS.

"NEITHER JUSTICE NOR SENSE."

New York, Feb. 2.
The news that Mr. Eugene Chen has refused to continue the negotiations with the British has been received with regret. The New York Times says it is not likely to encourage the British and other Powers to further conciliation and adds that "it is difficult to see the justice or sense in the Chinese protest about the movement of troops. Certainly neither the British, nor Japanese, nor American Governments wish to see force used in China, except in the last resort."
—Reuter's American Service.

JAPAN APPROVES.

BRITAIN'S REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS.

London, Feb. 1.
Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Budget Committee at Tokyo, pointed out that it was impossible for Britain, owing to her geographical position, to wait upon the events in Shanghai, and that the despatch of British troops was a proper and natural precautionary measure for the safety of British subjects.
—British Wireless.

PEKING PROTEST.

CAN MAINTAIN ORDER IN SHANGHAI.

London, Feb. 1.
The Peking authorities have sent a Note to the British Legation protesting against the despatch of forces to China for the purpose of protecting British nationals and safeguarding their interests, asserting that the Chinese troops now stationed in the Shanghai neighbourhood are capable of maintaining order inside and outside the settlement.
—British Wireless.

Entertainments.

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BETTING TAX.

A ROUND TABLE TALK.

Early in February the Jockey Club or Lord Lonsdale personally will convene a round-table Betting Tax Conference of all the various recognised bodies representing racing and betting interests, and including such other interests as couraging.

The above is one of the most important of several statements on the Betting Tax made to Mr. W. J. Randall, secretary of the Turf Guardian Society, in an interview with Lord Lonsdale, the senior Steward of the Jockey Club.

Lord Lonsdale said that the Jockey Club was very carefully studying the conditions arising out of the tax, and was collecting material information day by day.

He realised as everyone must realise that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had to deal with exceptional circumstances, and, in looking for a new source of revenue, was bound to turn to interests that were partly concerned with luxury and not entirely with commerce.

The racing community had always had a name for generosity, and Lord Lonsdale was sure they would not object to make a reasonable contribution to the State. What would be reasonable, having regard to all facts, had yet to be ascertained, and the immediate step was the collection of data.

His own opinion was that the tax should not be imposed on every bet, but only on the backers' winning bets. He thought that for the next few weeks racing people must grin and bear the tax.

Then his lordship made the statement regarding a conference given above.

This conference would, no doubt, said Lord Lonsdale, be able to come to an agreement as to what betting could stand in the way of special taxation and the manner in which the tax could best be imposed without detriment to flood-stock breeding, racing, or couraging.

When this agreement had been arrived at one united representation could be made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Lonsdale was confident that it would receive the fullest possible measure of sympathetic consideration.

Incidentally, Lord Lonsdale said that he was sorry if any part of his speech at the Glimcrack Club dinner had been misunderstood.

He thought there was a good case for some differentiation between the tax on course betting and the tax on office betting, but he certainly was not in favour of the difference being made so wide as unduly to penalise betting away from the racecourse.